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FENG YU-HSIANG'S BREACH OF FAITH.

TIENTSIN BECOMES THE BONE OF CONTENTION.

COMPLICATED SITUATION.

Anticipations of an open quarrel between the Nationalist leaders are likely to be realised, according to official foreign reports from Peking this morning.

It is disclosed that an arrangement had been come to between the Nationalist leaders that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang should be given Shantung as his share of the triumphant victory, while Yen Hsi-shan was to control Peking and Tientsin.

With the Japanese in possession and demanding retribution for the Tsinanfu affair, Shantung is no longer desirable in Feng's eyes, and, contrary to the understanding, he is leading his troops on Tientsin in the hope of seizing the city before the Shansi forces.

Further anxiety has arisen as the result of a sudden decision of the Northern leaders, Sun Chuan-fang and Chang Tsung-chang, to hold Tientsin against the Nationalists, and the troops at their disposal are now taking up positions some twenty miles from Tientsin.

It would seem impossible to avoid fighting in the vicinity in the near future.

SHANTUNG NO LONGER DESIRABLE.

Peking, June 7.

It is officially reported in foreign diplomatic circles that the feared friction between Marshal Yen Hsi-shan and Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is developing.

It now appears that an understanding had been come to between the various Nationalist leaders that in the event of their triumph and the capture of Peking, Marshal Feng Yu-hsian was to have Shantung, in addition to Honan, Shensi and Kansu, while Marshal Yen Hsi-shan was to control Chihli as well as Shansi.

Undesirable Prize.

Owing to the Japanese imbroglio at Tsinanfu, Shantung has ceased to be a desirable prize from Feng's point of view, with the result that he has intimated his wish to be given control of Tientsin in order to have a good port for the import of ammunition.

As already known, Feng Yu-hsiang suddenly changed his plans and instead of heading for Peking is now directing his troops towards Tientsin.

Feng Headed for Tientsin.

Marshal Yen Hsi-shan's agents in Tientsin have wired to Nanking protesting against the Kuominchun breaking faith with the Shansi leader, and pushing on to Tientsin in the hope of being able to occupy the place before the Shansi troops can do so.

Chihli to Fight.

Meanwhile, the Tientsin situation has been still further involved owing to the problem presented by the Chihli-Shantung troops.

According to latest report, General Chu Yu-pu, the Governor of Chihli, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and Marshal Chang Tsung-chang have been in conference in Tientsin and have decided to hold it under the five-coloured flag against the Nationalists, and are now taking up positions in the vicinity of Pei-tsang and Yang-tsun.

Peking Under Nationalism.

Most of the Universities in Peking hoisted the Nationalist flag to-day, while it was also to be seen flying on a number of other buildings.

The Committee of Public Safety has appointed General Wu Ping-hsiang, to be Superintendent of Police. Wu Ping-hsiang held this post under the late President, Yuan Shih-kai, and has been out of office for many years.

Affray at Prison.

A serious affair occurred at the Military Prison to-day when a large number of prisoners, most of whom were in jail for crimes in the army, attempted to break out.

The attempt was suppressed by Pao Yu-lin. Several of the prisoners have since been summarily shot.—*Reuter.*

Marshal Yen's Promise.

Shanghai, June 7.

In a telegram to the Nanking Government from Paoting, Marshal Yen Shih-shan assured the Government that he would act strictly according to instructions from Nanking. He added that he has no intention of quarrelling with other Generals, nor does he intend to take over the control of Peking himself.

He finally informed the Government that he will return to Shansi after a day or two and that he will not enter Peking with his forces until further orders from the Government.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

FENGTIEN LEADERS KILLED.

Two More Victims of Mukden Outrage.

Peking, June 7.

The *Eastern Times* this morning contained a report to the effect that two other prominent Fengtien leaders were killed in the Mukden bomb outrage.

One of them is General Ho Feng-lin, who had been Minister for Military Affairs since Chang Tso-lin's occupation of Peking, and the other is General Chang Ching-wei, who was formerly the Military Governor of Jehol, Manchuria.—*Reuter.*

Mukden Crisis.

Tientsin, June 7.

A report from Mukden states that the local authorities have declared martial law in the city. There are practically no people in the streets except armed sentries.

General Chang Wu-hsiang, a Divisional General of the Kirin forces, has arrived at Mukden. It is understood that he has been ordered to come to the city to maintain order.

On General Chang Wai-hsiang's arrival, an important military meeting was held at which a large number of Fengtien Generals and officials including representatives of Heilungkiang and Kirin, were present.

In view of the latest developments in the situation at Mukden, it is believed that Marshal Chang Tso-lin is dead, although this has not been officially confirmed.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

The latest reports received here indicate that the condition of Marshal Chang Tso-lin suddenly became worse on Tuesday evening. The following morning there were persistent rumours that he succumbed on the previous night.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Yen Expected in Peking.

Shanghai, June 6.

Marshal Yen Shi-shan is expected to enter Peking some time

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PEAK TRAMWAYS MEETING.

INCREASED PROFITS LAST YEAR.

LARGELY DUE TO HIGHER TICKET RATES.

BIGGER DIVIDEND.

Peak Tramway traffic receipts showed an increase of over $25,000 last year, it was stated by Mr. Henry Humphreys, presiding at the annual meeting of the Company's shareholders held at noon to-day. This was partly due to increased traffic, but mostly to increased prices of monthly tickets.

It was also stated that the relaying of new rails, shifting the points and flattening the curve at the points would be completed in about two months' time, and that as nothing of a similar nature will need to be done for many years to come, Special Repairs Account should come to an end next year.

Chairman's Speech.

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting:

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The report and statement of accounts and auditors' report having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission take them as read.

On comparing the accounts this year with last you will notice that traffic receipts are up $25,107.60 partly due to increased traffic, but mostly to increased prices of monthly tickets.

The item, Special Repairs $5,111.93, is for special work such as relaying new rails, shifting the points and flattening the curve at the points. The work is not yet completed, but will be in about two month's time and the charge upon our next account in this connexion will be between $2,000 and $3,000. This work may be regarded as non-recurrent; since nothing further will have to be done of a similar nature for many years to come, Special Repairs Account should automatically cease after the year ending 30th April, 1929.

The credit to "Rents" is less by $1,261.75 as the lower flat at the Peak Terminus, formerly let, is now occupied by our Assistant Superintendent. In future years we propose to charge the rents of both flats to wages and credit "Rents" with the same amount; it will make no difference to the net profits, but it will give a clearer exposition of the state of affairs.

The increase of 3 per cent in the dividend will doubtless be appreciated and I trust you approve of the transfer to General Reserve of $10,000. This Reserve will then stand at $150,000.

I have no further remarks to make, gentlemen, but after the accounts have been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may like to ask, to the best of my ability.

Business Matters.

The motion was seconded by Mr. F. W. Stapleton and carried.

The Chairman proposed that Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Elly Kadoorie, the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. A. B. Stewart and Mr. M. H. Turner be re-elected Directors. This proposition was carried after having been seconded by Mr. S. F. Chubb.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of $250 each, on the proposition of Mr. J. H. Tarrant, seconded by Mr. J. M. Wong.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready and could be obtained on application.

Other directors present, in addition to the Chairman, were Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. B. Stewart, and Mr. M. H. Turner; also Mr. G. Rapp, Secretary. Shareholders present were Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson, Mr. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. D. E. Clark, Mr. S. F. Chubb, Mr. J. A. Tarrant, and Mr. J. M. Wong.

FINE WEATHER STILL.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone remains over Japan. A depression is still shown to the south-east of Pratas. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, moderate; fine.

MORE ANTI-ITALIAN RIOTING.

SERIOUS CLASH OUTSIDE CONSULATE.

SKOPLYE INCIDENTS.

Belgrade, June 6.

A recurrence of anti-Italian disturbances is reported from South Serbia, where big demonstrations have been held at Skoplye and Strumitza.

At Skoplye a serious clash took place when the mob got out of hand and threatened to attack the Italian Consulate. The demonstrations are, however, on a much lesser scale in other parts, passing off very quietly.

The affair at Skoplye commenced when a procession at least seven thousand strong paraded the streets singing patriotic songs, cheering the King but booing Italy.

A large number of the wilder elements attempted to storm the Italian Consulate, but a strong force of gendarmerie were present to guard the premises and the attack was repulsed. Police reinforcements soon arrived on the scene and order was restored.

Several arrests were made.

At Strumitza, the Police took severe precautions against untoward incidents, and the demonstrators were kept in control without serious difficulty.—*Reuter.*

SHANGHAI FILATURE STRIKE.

Consider Eight Years' Term Inadequate.

9,000 OUT IN SETTLEMENT.

Shanghai, June 7.

Nine thousand silk filature workers in the International Settlement downed tools this morning owing to dissatisfaction with the sentence of eight years' imprisonment inflicted on the Chapei policeman responsible for the death of a filature worker last March.

It is expected that all the silk filature workers in Chapei district will join the strike shortly.—*Reuter.*

SHOCK FOR MR. HARRY THAW.

NOT PERMITTED TO LAND IN ENGLAND.

London, June 6.

Mr. Harry Thaw, the central figure of the Stanford White shooting drama in New York in 1906, was dumbfounded when a Home Office intimation was conveyed to him as he was descending the gangway of the s.s. Aquitania, from the United States, at Southampton, that he would not be permitted to land in England.

The decision of the Government is based upon the provisions of the Aliens Restriction Order, under which a person is only allowed to land if he has not been sentenced in a foreign country for an extraditable crime.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN BUSINESS METHODS.

REMARKABLE PLAN FOR SHARE PARTICIPATION.

New York, June 6.

The Union Tobacco Company has announced a distribution of stock, aggregating approximately $7,500,000 to the tobacco dealers and retailers throughout the United States.

Stock participation certificates will be packed in the goods sent out from the factories. Everyone down to individual shops and managers will participate in the scheme, which is intended to stimulate enterprise.

The announcement is characterised as a revolution in American business.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW RATE RELIEF MEASURE.

BUDGET PROPOSALS EMBRACED.

RAILWAYS MUST PASS ON RELIEF AFFORDED.

LABOUR CRITICISMS.

London, June 6.

Described by Mr. Winston Churchill as the most important legislation of its kind in the past century, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the House of Commons to-day, moved the second reading of the Rating Valuation Apportionment Bill.

As outlined in the Budget Speech, the Bill provides for the entire exemption of agriculture from rates, for the exemption of 75 per cent. of rates for all industrial premises primarily used for productive purposes, while railways and docks are also granted full relief from rates, conditionally upon the railways passing on the relief to the coal, iron and steel trades and agriculture.

Unfair Discrimination.

The Government, said Mr. Neville Chamberlain, hoped by the Bill to diminish the margin between prices and costs.

Mr. Philip Snowden moved a Labour amendment on the ground that the proposals were bound to create an unfair discrimination in enterprises and localities and increase the burden on householders and shopkeepers.

He contended that rates constituted no severe burden on industry.

The burden was the unfair incidence of rating, and the increased burden was due to the largely increased rates since 1913 on output under .5 per cent.

The House adjourned.

Government's Valour.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, in the course of a speech on the subject recently, said:—

Nothing would have been more easy for the Government, now in our fourth year of office, than to have taken the safe and easy course and run no risks—a humdrum Budget, evading all the difficulties that lie in front of us, postpone their solution till after the election, and go to the country with a parade of promises. We decided, if I may invert an old saying, that this was one of the occasions when valour was the better part of discretion. (Laughter and cheers.)

It is a matter of great satisfaction to note the almost universal approbation with which the principle of our scheme has been received. What has filled our opponents with dismay is that the Government, which ought by all the rules to be moribund, is displaying a vitality in its last year which would do credit to a Government in its first six months.

The finance of the scheme, the Prime Minister went on, is centred in the petrol tax. The fourpenny tax, the opposition to which is less than I expected, will not raise petrol to the price of a year ago. To the small car owner it only means 13s 4d. for every 1,000 miles. If he is a family man, as every man ought to be—(laughter)—then what he pays on petrol will be more than compensated for by the relief given him under the income tax law.

Elizabethan System.

Rating reform is overdue, and a system designed in the days of Elizabeth is not suitable for the days of George V. A large number of small units does not make for efficiency. That is true of industry, hospitals, and local government. Central control and organisation can secure greater efficiency at less expense.

That is what we mean by rating reform—greater economy, greater efficiency in local government, a fairer distribution of burdens, better means of preventing disease, more complete accommodation for treatment, and a recognition that the duty of helping the poorest of the poor can be effectively fulfilled without extravagance on the one hand and the utmost humanity on the other.

It is a cause worth fighting for, it is a cause of the industry and the trade of country, of the unemployed, and of the sick and the poor.

CALCUTTA SWEEP MYSTERY.

FRUITLESS QUEST FOR THE "FELSTEAD" HOLDER.

STOCK EXCHANGE SWEEP WON WITH GIFT TICKET.

BARROW GIRL'S FORTUNE.

The romance of the Derby, once the winner has passed the post, is inevitably associated with the fantastically huge prizes in the Calcutta and Stock Exchange Sweeps, but in spite of a world-wide search, the lucky holder of the Felstead ticket in the Calcutta Sweep has not been disclosed.

Amazing fortune has befallen Miss Nita Helm, a clerk, of Barrow-in-Furness. Given a ticket in the Stock Exchange Sweep by her employer, she drew Felstead and has won the first prize of £125,000.

Miss Helm is 35 years of age, and says she has no idea what to do with all the money.

Another lucky stroke of fortune, in a somewhat different category, is revealed by the holder of the ticket for the favourite, Fairway, in the Calcutta Sweep. A Police Commissioner stationed in the wilds of West Africa, he closed with an offer of £27,000 for a half share in his ticket.

The third prize in the Calcutta Sweep, amounting to some £50,000, goes to Scotland, the lucky holder being Mr. Thomas McEwan, of Isle of Cumbrae. He sold a quarter of the ticket for £600.

The Derby attracted a record crowd, and the favourite Fairway never appeared in the race at any time. Felstead was among the leaders till two furlongs from home when he burst past Flamingo, which had led throughout, and making the rest of the running, won easily. Sir H. Cunliffe-Owen, the winning owner, had placed a bet of 100 to 1 against his horse.

WHO HAS WON CALCUTTA SWEEP?

London, June 6.

All London is excited, the Derby having been won and lost, because the winner of the Calcutta Sweep has not yet been traced. Remarkable luck was with the holder of the ticket for Fairway, the favourite. He is Police Commissioner Griffiths, stationed in a remote district of West Africa, and he sold half the ticket for £27,000.

The Stock Exchange Derby Sweep, the first prize in which is at least £125,000, was drawn by Miss Nita Helm, a clerk in Barrow-in-Furness.

Ticket Given Her.

Miss Helm is thirty-five years of age, and she received the Felstead ticket as a gift from Colonel Thompson, for whom Miss Helm acts as confidential secretary, in a wine and spirits firm in Barrow.

Interviewed shortly after her good fortune was learned, Miss Helm said, "I have no idea what to do with all that money."

She declared that she intends to carry on with her present job for the time being. She had sold a quarter of her ticket.

Flamingo in South Africa.

The Flamingo ticket in the Stock Exchange Sweep has been drawn by a client of a Member of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

The third prize in the Calcutta Sweep, Black Watch, will bring at least £50,000 to Scotland. The holder is Mr. Thomas McEwan, of the Union Bank, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae, who obtained the lucky number for his mother, a banker's widow living at Glasgow. A quarter of the ticket was sold previously for £600.

Cobbler's Fortune.

A Leicestershire boot repairer, Mr. L. S. Screaton, who said he has been cobbling all his working life, has won about £20,000 as the result of drawing Black Watch in the Stock Exchange Sweep. He sold a half ticket.

A foreman-printer and a tobacconists' wife in the Rhondda Valley jointly drew Bubbles II in the Calcutta Sweep and sold half the ticket for £3,000.

The "Sunshine Derby."

The Derby will be known as the "Sunshine Derby."

In brilliant weather, the crowd easily constituted a record for the great event. It is impossible to given an accurate estimate, but the number who saw the race must have been well over 500,000.

Over 600,000 motor-cars were parked on the Epsom Downs and in some cases as much as £10 was asked for a parking space.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was tumultously greeted and had to fight his way through the crowd with the help of two stalwart policemen.

Viscount Lascelles and Princess Mary were present, in addition to H.M. the King and H.M. Queen.

Felstead Heavily Backed.

Felstead was more heavily backed than was anticipated, a great many favouring him because he is a son of Spion Kop, a previous Derby winner. Sir H. Cunliffe-Owen, the proud owner, secured a bet of 100 to 1 against him.

It seems evident that in spite of the upset, the bookmakers will not clear much as Flamingo was also heavily supported, although there was not so much money on him as on Gang Warily, Steve Donoghue's mount.

Wragg, the winning Jockey, is a native of Sheffield, and this is his first classic success.

Sir H. Cunliffe-Owen is the chairman of the Imperial Tobacco Company and has spent large sums in breeding bloodstock, in the matter of which he gave his trainer a free hand.

The Result.

The Derby Stakes. One and a Half Miles.

Sir H. Cunliffe-Owen's Felstead (H. Wragg)	1
Sir Laurence Phillips' Flamingo ..... (Elliott)	2
Mr. L. Neumann's Black Watch (Smirke)	3
Lady Richardson's Fernkloof (Perryman)	4
Sir Abe Bailey's Advocate (Marshall)	0
Baron de Rothschild's Bubble II ..... (Bouillon)	0
Lord Rosebery's Camelford (Leach)	0
Mr. T. Davidson's Constant Son (Carslake)	0
Lord Derby's Fairway (Weston)	0
Mrs. G. Drummond's Gang Warily ..... (Donoghue)	0
Mr. W. J. Waldron's Grange View ..... (Graves)	0
M. Whittouck's Palais Royal II (Allemand)	0
Mr. S. B. Joel's Porthole (Winter)	0
The Aga Khan's Ranjit Singh (Beary)	0
Capt. G. H. Gough's Royal Minstrel ..... (Childs)	0
Mr. D. M. Gant's Royal Crusader ..... (Hulmes)	0
Mr. C. Whitburn's Scintillation (Sirett)	0

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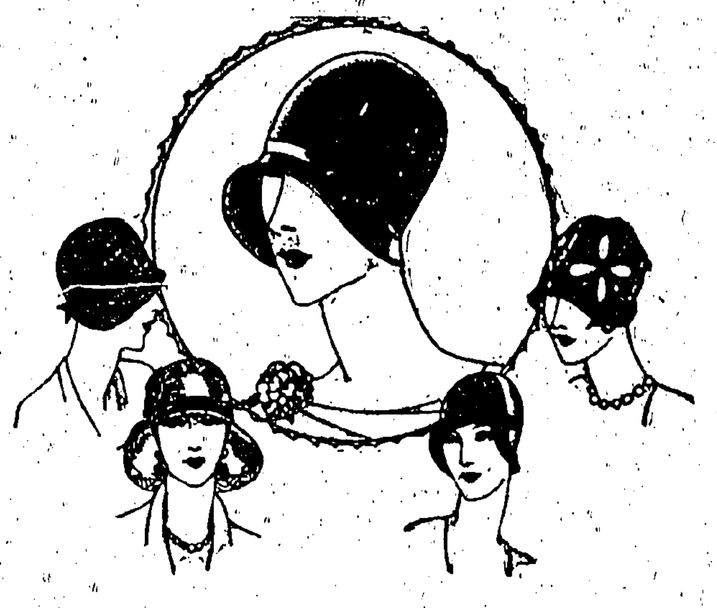

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BRILLIANT CHINESE WEDDING.

SON OF SIR ROBERT HO TUNG MARRIED.

One of the most brilliant weddings in the Hongkong Chinese community took place yesterday when Mr. Robert Ho Tung, of "Idlewild," Seymour Road, son of Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, was married to Miss Hesta Rosalind Hung, 30 Bonham Road, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hung Taze-yee, the ceremony taking place at the registry office, being followed by a largely attended reception at "Idlewild."

The house had been extensively and charmingly decorated in honour of the occasion and His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G., proposed the toast to the happy couple, referring to the bridegroom's father as one of Hongkong's most distinguished citizens and reminded the bridegroom of his responsibilities in carrying his father's escutcheon unsullied throughout his life.

Excellent arrangements were made for the comfort and convenience of the hundreds of guests for which Mr. J. P. Braga was largely responsible. During the reception selections were rendered by the band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

At the entrance to the house was a Chinese band which welcomed the guests with Chinese music. The usual Chinese decorations had been effected, there being, over the main entrance, symbols depicting Fuk, Luk and Sau, meaning health, wealth and prosperity. Red carpet was laid through the hall and into the garden, where accommodation was provided for the military band by means of the erection of a special marquee. From this point steps led up to a specially constructed pavilion of huge dimensions, which had been erected on the hard tennis courts on the Robinson Road level. Here tables were laid out and the walls were covered in Chinese decorations, being chiefly scrolls bearing wishes from the members of the family and intimate friends. A huge wedding cake was also conspicuous.

The guests were received in the hall personally by Sir Robert Ho Tung assisted by his brother, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., while a number of members of the Ho family assisted the guests to find seats. At the entrance to the pavilion Lady Ho Tung and Mrs. Hung also received the guests. This was a happy combination of Chinese and western customs and proved to be extremely acceptable.

The bride made a pretty picture as she entered the pavilion on her husband's arm, following the ceremony, and took her stand under a big flower bell suspended from the ceiling. Here the couple received the congratulations of their friends and well wishers.

Governor's Toast.

Proposing the toast to the bride and bridegroom His Excellency said: Mr. and Mrs. Hung Taze-yee, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Ladies and Gentlemen.—To me has fallen the pleasant duty of proposing the all important toast of the day, the health of the bride and bridegroom.

I cannot unfortunately claim long personal acquaintance with the happy couple and I cannot in consequence regale you with the usual tit-bits of information about their early lives. But I do know that we are here to-day to celebrate the union of two distinguished families, both well known in Hongkong, and I would venture to urge upon the young people now entering upon the most serious period of their lives the importance of ever remembering the debt they owe to their parents and to their country. The bridegroom is the son and heir of one of Hongkong's most distinguished citizens, one whom it has pleased His Majesty the King to honour; the greater the parent, the greater is the responsibility on the son to carry his faher's scutcheon unsullied throughout his life.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I crave your pardon for being too serious. Somehow, although a wedding is a time for joy and festivity, I find it hard, and I am sure the parents do too, to get away from the serious side of so momentous an occasion in two young lives.

But we don't want long, dull speeches at weddings, so without further waste of time I call upon you all to drink to the health, happiness, and prosperity of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ho Tung.

Bridegroom's Reply.

Replying, the bridegroom said: Your Excellency, Ladies and gentlemen: Bridegrooms are the least articulate of mortals, and I am probably the least articulate of bridegrooms. What usually causes this I do not know, but in my case it is my very deep sense of gratitude—gratitude, particularly towards Your Excellency and Mrs. Southorn for your presence on this unforgettable occasion and for your generous words, and gratitude towards you all, ladies and gentlemen, for sharing with my wife and myself the joy that is ours to-day, and for wishing us so happy a future.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank you all.

Mischievous Imp.

Mr. W. Kay said, in proposing the health of the bridesmaids:—Your Excellency, Sir Robert, Ladies and Gentlemen.—To propose the health of the bridesmaids on this occasion is a great honour and I consider it such: yet it will surprise you to know that I am in this proud position as the victim of another man's vengeance. Let me explain. When the blushing bridegroom was a junior schoolboy he was just about the greatest chatterbox and most mischievous imp ever known in Queen's College, and was the cause of masters suffering many sleepless nights. When he reached the Matriculation Class I discovered him in the back corner of the room trying to look as innocent and inconspicuous as he could. But I was taking no risks, and always believing in getting in the first blow, I ordered his Lordship to come and sit in the front seat beneath my nose, as I told him for three reasons—he would be nearer the board, he would be nearer me, and he would be nearer the door. Unfortunately for Bobbie I had, what he considered, an unfair advantage over him that year.

Sir Robert was then President of Queen's College Old Boys' Association and as I was a committee member and consequently often met Sir Robert, the young lad was afraid I might tell tales out of school. He has neither forgotten nor forgiven that year of repression, and so, knowing that I care not for speech-making out of the class room, he sent me a most pathetic letter last week, asking, begging, entreating me to propose this toast. Now, as you all know, to a Scotsman like myself a begging letter is a command so I said "All right." Then I realised the subtlety of the man, for I believe that as a rule, it is the bridegroom himself who proposes the toast of the bridesmaids. So you see he not only inveigled me into this position but palmed off on me his own job of speechifying. I hope he considers this revenge ample.

Herrick's Advice.

But, Ladies and Gentlemen, isn't it ridiculous for a despised and rejected old bachelor who taught the bridegroom's elder brother to be proposing the health of these charming Juliets when there are so many handsome young Romeos here.

It was my intention to address Herrick's well known lines to the bridesmaids.

"Gather ye rosebuds while ye may
Old time is a-flying
And this same flower that smiles to-day
Tomorrow will be dying."

Other two verses follow showing how short-lived everything is, and then the poet finishes with this advice to girls.

"Then be not coy, but use your time
And while ye may, go marry,
For having lost but once your prime
You may forever tarry."

But after observing the ardent looks bestowed by the young men on the charming bridesmaids, and noticing how calmly these lads allow themselves to be ordered about by these fair ones, I realise that such advice is superfluous. I expect that before long Jean and Grace, and a little later the others, will be choosing their own bridesmaids. Ladies and Gentlemen—The Bridesmaids.

Mr. Zimmern's Reply.

Mr. George Zimmern replied as follows: Your Excellency, Ladies and gentlemen.—I venture to suggest that Society has made a mistake when it decided for all generations that the honour of responding to the toast of the bridesmaids should devolve on the best man. Of course from his point of view, the best man has every reason to be proud, but when a proposer of Mr. Kay's standing, testifies to the grace and beauty of the bridesmaids, with all the earnestness of a wooer and all the zeal of a public school boy, one feels somewhat disappointed if the reply did not come from the lips of the object of one's admiration (I almost say affection).

Therefore lest I should have bad eggs thrown at me for being responsible for this disappointment and for daring to assume the role of the maids, I would suggest that Mr. Kay and his band of young knights should (1) couple the chivalry of a Don Quixote with the patience of Job (2) wait a little longer (3) find the bridesmaids in some convenient corner and (4) there renew the testimony of admiration (and this time I would include affection). I feel sure that such ardent and chivalrous young men would receive a response as will give delight and satisfaction.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is hardly necessary for me to tell you how much, how very much, the bridesmaids appreciate your toast. You can see that appreciation written plainly behind their smiles and blushes. Therefore little remains for me to do but to fulfil a very pleasant duty—that of conveying to you the maids' heartiest thanks.

Your Excellency, Ladies and gentlemen, the bridesmaids thank you very much.

The toasts were drunk in champagne after which the wedding cake was cut and pieces distributed.

Wedding Dresses.

The bride wore a robe de style made of white satin which was embroidered with pearls and sequins. Her veil was of white tulle with a tiara of pearls and orange blossoms and her bouquet was made up of white Canton lilies.

The Misses Phyllis and Chrissie Hung, and the Misses Grace and Florence Ho Tung were the bridesmaids who were charmingly dressed in peach coloured taffeta, trimmed with self-coloured tulle and gold with picture hats to match. Little Miss Y. Hung, who was the flower girl, was attired in a long dress of white satin, while the page boy, Master Johnnie Hung, wore a suit of white satin. The bridesmaids carried clusters of pink roses with maiden hair fern.

The bride's going-away dress, which was a model of Lucien Lelong, was made of peach coloured crepe with a small embroidered coat with hat, shoes, and stockings to match. The bride's mother wore the customary richly embroidered brocaded coat and skirt.

The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. George Zimmern.

The couple are spending their honeymoon at Repulse Bay.

Some of the Guests.

Among those present were His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G. and Mrs. Southorn, Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C., Mr. B. Roy Forster, private secretary to H.E., Sir Henry Gollan, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy and Mrs. Creasy, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Bishop Valtorta, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Harston, Mr.

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JAPANESE STRIKE.

MEDIATORS NOMINATED.

Kobe, June 6.

Representatives of the Ship owners and the seamen met this morning and nominated five mediators representing the owners, the men and public officials.

It is generally believed unlikely that the strike will continue much longer. According to reports reaching union headquarters altogether about 150 ships are held up.—*Reuter.*

The Strike Spreading.

Osaka, June 6.

The seamen's strike is spreading to a few small coastwise vessels owned by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha. It is understood that the wages paid to the crews of these vessels are below the minimum demanded by the Union.

Munition Ship Held Up.

Moji, June 6.

The Seizan Maru with munitions abroad is held up here but the Union headquarters at Kobe announces that the crews of requisitioned ships are prohibited from joining the strike.—*Reuter.*

After nearly 21 years' service, Sir Ernest Moon, counsel to the Speaker of the House of Commons, has intimated his desire to retire.

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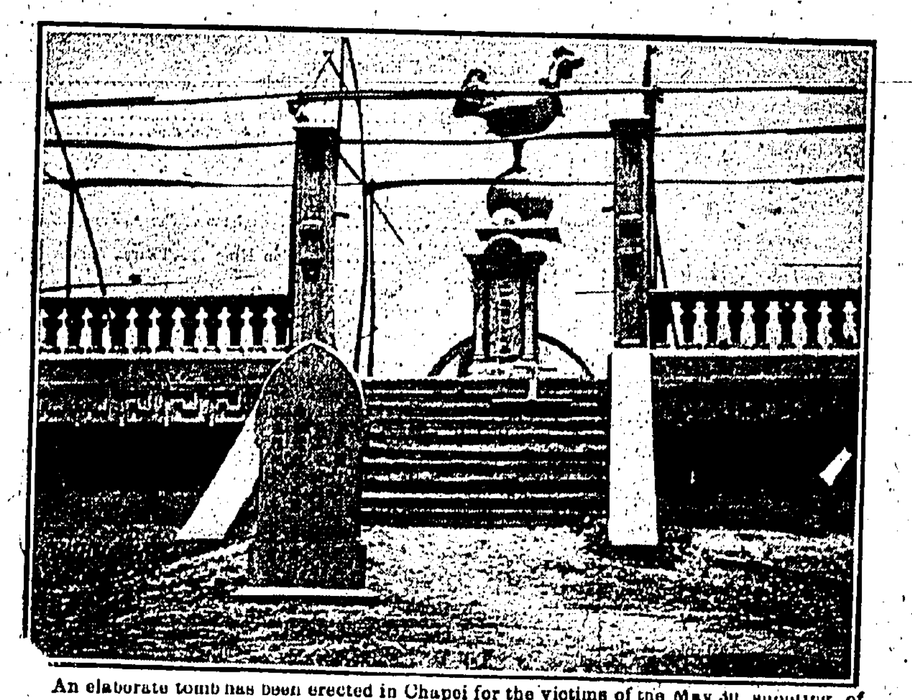
Shanghai Norwegians and some of their Danish and Swedish friends gathered at the Majestic Hotel recently to celebrate Norway's National Day. Members of the committee were Mr. T. Siqveland, acting Consul-General for Norway, Mr. Gisle-Johnson, Vice-Consul, Mr. H. Berents (chairman), Mr. H. Herlofsen (Vice-Chairman), Capt. J. Josefen, and Messrs. F. Hoehnke, G. S. Jensen, B. Rain, A. Sorensen and B. W. Enger.

Hongkong and Shanghai lady players in the interport tennis series just concluded. Pictures show Mrs. Stafford-Smith and Mme. van Haute in their victorious match against Mrs. R E Tottenham and Lady Stuart-Taylor, the Hongkong couple.

Major Scales and Mr. M. Stranack, in "On Approval," which was produced by the Shanghai B. W.A. Dramatic Section at the Embassy Theatre recently.



An elaborate tomb has been erected in Chapei for the victims of the May 30 shooting of 1925 and was unveiled at a memorial service on the anniversary day. Picture shows the tomb, which is surmounted by the chanticleer.

Madame Mayrier, wife of the French Consul-General, presenting cups won at the French Fire Brigade competition held last week at the French Park at Shanghai.

The Hongkong and Shanghai interport cricket teams photographed during the match. As known, Hongkong went down by 120 runs when at one time their position appeared sound. The captains are seen in the centre.

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FOR SALE.—Wanted you to know that Femina, 1st floor, China Building are selling their model hats from $5.00 to $10.00, regardless of cost.

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FOR SALE.—Encyclopoedia Britannica 10th Edition. Cloth board covers. 35 volumes. Excellent condition. Also cottage Piano by Moutrie. $180 or nearest offer. Apply Box No. 374, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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TO LET.—Office Rooms, 2nd floor, New Hongkong Bank Building. Apply Sang Kee, same building.

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W. J. STOKES,
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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 13th June to 4th July, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON AND COMPANY LIMITED,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th May, 1928.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

With reference to the Notice to Shareholders of this Company dated 8th June, 1927, whereby the FINAL CALL of $5.00 per share on the New shares was made payable on 15th Day of December, 1927, the General Managers and the Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of the Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 15th day of June, 1928, and that the form of Bankers Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named thereon were 15th June, 1928.

For the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1927.

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of June 1928, at 3 p.m. at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Govenor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chong in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
	Inland Lot No. 2752.	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 1461, Wong Nei Chong Road.	As per sale plan.				About 6,150	$36	$1,800

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Also

A Quantity of Blackwood Furniture and Household Linen.

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A few Enamel and Shanghai Baths.

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the 12th June 1928 commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street A Valuable Collection of Curios comprising:—

Vases, Incense Burners, Bowls, Plates, Cups, Table Screens, Lacquer Screens, Old Iron Pictures, Iron Bust, Ivory Vases, Crystal, Jade and Agate Ornaments, Amber Beads, Mandarin Coats, Skirts, Blackwood and Glass Lanterns, Pekin Embroideries, Chinese Hand Paintings, Lacquer Tables and Chairs, etc., etc.,

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Hongkong, June 6, 1928.

STOP PRESS.

POWER OF NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS.

Sir Alfred Robbins emphasised the value of newspaper advertising, in an address on "Publicity and Profit," at the luncheon on May 10th of the London Commercial Club, held at the Trocadero Restaurant.

"From a long experience," said Sir Alfred, who was for many years London editor of the *Birmingham Post*, "I believe there is no means of reaching the general public which in any way equals, for permanent effect—and therefore for profit—that of advertising in the newspaper."

Nothing was more damaging to business than to make promises in advertising which were not fulfilled. Stopping the advertisement had also begun the process of decay in many businesses, because, if the public missed an advertisement to which they were accustomed they soon forgot the commodity which had been advertised.

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EXPERT AGAIN DISCONCERTS THE BANK.

Paris, May 3.

M. Edouard Rigal, whose successful demonstration of how to win at roulette was reported in the *Morning Post* of April 20, gave another display of his skill last night, when he made a public wager of 5,000 francs that with a capital of 4,000 francs he would play for three hours and not lose, undertaking further to stake on every turn of the wheel. A large number of players from Monte Carlo, San Sebastian, Ostend, and San Remo assembled to witness the test.

M. Rigal is stated again to have triumphed, indeed, doing much better than on the first occasion. Play was for a minimum stake of ten francs. The ball was put into action 140 times. M. Rigal's largest stake was 40 francs. His most serious deficit at any one moment was 315 francs. His final net gain was 590 francs, making an average gain per throw of the ball of 4.25 francs. At the former demonstration, it will be remembered, M. Rigal's average gain was 1.10 francs.

It cannot be too clearly explained that this victory is not the result of a "system," but of cautious play, an iron self-control, and of a sort of instinct that a player of this type, whose object is not to get pleasure and excitement, but to make small wins, can gradually acquire. M. Rigal's example is not to be recommended to tourists or casual players. No one can "break the bank" or win any large sum by his method. He will give another demonstration on Saturday.

THE FRANC AND THE LEI.

IMPORTANT FRANCO-GERMAN BANKING MOVES.

Paris, May 3.

The Governor of the Bank of France, M. Moreau, has left for Berlin to confer with Herr Schacht, President of the German State Bank. The impression prevails here that important financial operations are at present being discussed chiefly at Paris, of which the stabilisation of the French franc and the Roumanian lei are by no means the only topics.

The recent meeting at the Bank of France of delegates from all the leading banks of Europe and America, coinciding with the visit of M. Moreau to London and New York, and Mr. Parker Gilbert to Paris and Rome, lends colour to this supposition.

The stabilisation of the Roumanian lei will be preceded by an international loan, news having been received to-day that agreement on the matter of Roumania's pre-war debts is now in sight. Payment in gold of these debts will be resumed from January 1, 1929, on a basis of 40 per cent. to start with and increases until 1951, when the debts will be paid on a gold basis in full.

Captain Wilkins, who lately flew across the North Pole from Point Barrow to Spitzbergen, has been awarded the Samuel F. B. Morse Gold Medal, the highest honour of the American Geographical Society. The Secretary for Air (Sir Samuel Hoare) has sent congratulations to Captain Wilkins and his colleague Lieutenant Elelson.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, $1287 n.
Chartered Bank, £21½ b.
Mercantile A. & B., £35 n.
P. and O. £9½ n.
East Asia, $75 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., $620 n.
Union Ins., $326½ b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 140 b.
Yangtsze Ins., $50 n.
China Underwriters, $2½ b.
China Fires, $230 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., $740 s.

Shipping.

Douglases, $37 b.
H. K. Steamboats, $28½ b.
H. K. Tugs, $2½ n.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) $60 b.
Shell Trans., 96/3 n.
Union Waterboats, $20½ s.

Mining.

Benguets, $1½ n.
Kailans, 58/- n.
Langkats, Tls. $12.20 n.
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 2.80 n.
Raubs, $4 n.
Tronohs, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, $130½ n.
Whampoa Docks, $40½ b
China Providents $5.60 s.
Hongkews, Tls. 156 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 5 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 106 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 8.60 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2.20 n.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 27½ (old) n

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, $8.85 b.
H. K. Lands, $65 sa.
S'hai Lands Tls. 137 s.
Humphreys, $14½ n.
Realties, $8.50 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, $25½ b.
Peak Trams, (old) $13½ b.
Star Ferries, $64½ n.
China Lights, (Old.) $11½ b.
H'kong Electrics, $70½ n.
Macao Electrics, $26½ b.
Telephones $6.10 n.
China Buses, Tls. 9 b.
Singapore Tractions, 9/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, $3.10 b.
Malabons, $24½ n.
Canton Ices, $4 n.
Cements (Comb.) $10.35 b.
Ropes (Old) $7 s.
United Asbestos $10 n.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, $21½ b.
Watsons, $14 sa.
Dor A. Wing, .50 n.
Lane Crawfords, $3.75 n.
Mackintosh, $20 n.
Sincores, $9½ n.
Wm. Powells, $3 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, $28 b.
Constructions, $11½ n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 64½% n
H. K. G. Loan, 5%

LETTER GOLF.

The traffic constable will tell you there is plenty of difference between stop and go, but in letter golf there isn't much difference between RUSH and WAIT.

R	U	S	H
W	A	I	T

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

The Bangor Diocesan Board of Patronage have appointed the Rev. W. M. Morgan Jones, Bangor, to the living of St. David's, Llanadda, Bangor.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

Commencing February 24th a Radio Letter Service will be opened for the exchange of Radio Letter Telegrams to the places, and at the rates, given below.

Radio Letter Telegrams are accepted subject to the following conditions:—

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Mountain States U.S.	12.20	.61
Central States U.S.	12.60	.63
Eastern States U.S.	13.00	.65
British Columbia 1st Zone only	12.20	.61
Alberta, Saskatchewan & Manitoba	12.60	.63
Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick & Quebec	13.00	.65
Newfoundland	13.80	.69

M. J. BRETT,
POSTMASTER GENERAL.

24th February, 1928.

RADIO NOTICE.

RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICES are now in operation as follows:—

Ships at Sea, Europe, American Continents, Hawaiian Islands, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Philippine Islands, French Indo-China, Province of Yunnan, British North Borneo, Siam, Canton, Swatow, Kwongchowan Fort Bayard, Tchekam, Hoihow, Amoy and Foochow, etc.

It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to EUROPE has been reduced to $1.65 per word. The rate to the Dutch East Indies has been reduced from $1.00 to 90 cents per word as from April 25th, 1928.

Rates and further particulars on application to the RADIO COUNTER, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Addresses—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

A direct service to Yunnan Province was opened 20th April, 1928. The inclusive charge will be 60 cents per word; no charge will be collected from the addressee in Yunnan. The service is, however, liable to interruption owing to atmospheric disturbances and messages are accepted at sender's risk.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Postal Service to Swabue and neighbouring places has now been resumed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Amoy	Luchow	June 7.
Straits	Takada	June 8.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	President Pierce	June 8.
Europe via Suez, (letters and papers, London 10th May, and parcels 3rd May)	Khyber	June 8.
Australia and Manila	Changto	June 8.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Delta	June 8.
Calcutta and Straits	Kumsang	June 9.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sinkiang	June 9.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	June 11.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., June 7, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Solviken	Thurs., June 7, 2.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	San Ning	Thurs., June 7, 4 p.m.
Bangkok	Havdrot	Thurs., June 7, 4.30 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and *Haiphong	Menado Maru	Fri., June 8, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Fri., June 8.
	Parcels	noon.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Hong	Fri., June 8, 2 p.m.
Saigon	Yuan Jeng	Fri., June 8, 3.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Sun Sai Kai	Fri., June 8, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kum Sang	Fri., June 8, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Kyber	Fri., June 8, 6 p.m.
Haiphong	Ichang	Sat., June 9, 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—Connecting with the s.s. Narkunda at Colombo	Delta	Sat., June 9.
	K. P. O.	
	Parcels	8th, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	9th, 9 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	8th, 5. p.m.
	Registration	9th, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 7th July.)	
Sandakan	Mausang	Sat., June 9, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Kiungchow	Sat., June 9, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Telemachus	Sat., June 9, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	Sat., June 9, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui	Sat., June 9, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kishu Maru	Sun., June 10, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	Sun., June 10, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, *Canada, *U.S.A., *C. & *S. America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.	President Madison	Mon., June 11.
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C. July 2.)	
Amoy	Sinkiang	Mon., June 11, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Tues., June 12, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, *Europe via Vancouver B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Empress of Canada	Tues., June 12.
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
	(Due Vancouver B.C. 30th June).	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Antenor	Wed., June 13.
	K.P.O.	
	Registration	9 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 11th July).	
Java via Batavia	Tjikembang	Wed., June 13, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Hayes	Sat., June 16, 5 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	General Metzinger	Tues., June 19.
	K.P.O.	
	Registration	June 19, 1 p.m.
	Letters	June 19, 1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	June 19, 1.45 p.m.
	Letters	June 19, 2.30 p.m.
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STRUGGLE IN MEXICO NEARING AN END.

New York, June 6.

The people of Mexico will again be able to worship in their accustomed manner as the churches are to be reopened and the sacraments will be administered openly instead of secretly, according to the newspaper, *The World*, which states that peace between the Church and State in Mexico has been definitely arranged. A formal confirmation of the understanding is expected from the Vatican in a few days.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SIR LEO MONEY.

SAVIDGE ENQUIRY AT THE LAW COURTS.

London, June 6.

The Savidge enquiry has opened in the Law Courts. Besides Miss Irene Savidge, her father, mother, Sir William Horwood, the Commissioner of Police, Sir Archibald Bodkin, and the Director of Public Prosecutions, Sir Leo Money, was present. The chairman of the tribunal stressed that the tribunal's duty was to confine the enquiry to the interrogation of Miss Savidge and Scotland Yard.—*Reuter.*

LORD STANLEY IN A COLLISION.

TO PAY COSTS ON SUMMONS FOR NEGLIGENT DRIVING.

Lord Stanley, M.P., of Grosvenor-street, Park-lane, W., and Mr. Frederick Catling, of Avonmore-road, Hammersmith, were summoned at Marylebone Police Court recently for negligent driving.

Mr. Sanders (for the Commissioner of Police) said the evidence was that Lord Stanley drove along Portman-street and Mr. Catling along the south side of Portman-square at 30 to 35 miles an hour. Neither sounded his horn nor slowed down as he approached the cross-roads, with the inevitable result that the cars crashed heavily.

A chauffeur named Walker, of Berkeleymews, Portman-square, stated that Lord Stanley's car collided with the other. He told Lord Stanley that he ought to be ashamed of himself, and ought to be locked up, for there was a sign on the lamppost warning him that it was a dangerous cross-roads. The fact was, he added, that neither driver would give way to the other.

Lord Stanley said that as he approached the cross-roads he slowed down to about 10 miles an hour and blew his horn. Hearing no reply, he proceeded. Then, seeing the other car, he applied his brakes and turned, with the result that a front wheel skidded. But for the skid there would not have been a collision. It was a pure accident.

Mr. Catling, an actor, whose home is at Wargrave-on-Thames, said he slowed down, and the collision was a pure accident due to the skid.

The Magistrate held that both cars were driven negligently, having regard to the speed at which they approached a dangerous crossing. As the consequences were not serious, he dismissed both summonses on payment of ten guineas costs—Lord Stanley to pay seven guineas and Mr. Catling three guineas.

OBITUARY.

A VETERAN OF THE BOXER TROUBLE.

Captain Claud Hamilton Sinclair, R.N., retired, died on May 5, at the age of 50. During the Boxer affair in China in 1900 he was a lieutenant of the Centurion, and landed with the Naval Brigade under Admiral of the Fleet Sir E. H. Seymour for the advance to Peking.

Mr. William Lund.

Mr. William Lund died on May 7 at Chislehurst, at the age of 91. A member of a family that for generations was associated with shipping in Denmark, as a very young man he went to England without money or friends. Yet within 15 years he was managing director of a fleet of fast sailing vessels employed in trade with China and Australia. After the opening of the Suez Canal he instituted a service of cargo steamers, founded the firm of William Lund and Son, and was for many years a member of the Committee of Lloyd's Register and was chairman of the Classification Committees. In 1910 the fleet and business of the company was transferred to the P. and O.

RAILWAY MOTORS.

BIG ORDER FOR GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY.

The General Electric Company of China, Ltd., inform us that their parent firm, the General Electric Co. Ltd. have just secured an order from the London Underground Railways which, it is believed, is the largest order ever placed in England for electric railway motors and equipments.

The order is for 920 railway motors each rated to give 250 H.P. and for the control equipment for 63 motor coaches and 107 Trailer coaches. The value of the order is about £500,000. This is the fifth repeat order for these motors which the Company has obtained.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Brocade Bedsteads.

HINTS FOR TRANSFORMING THE ORDINARY ROOM.

Some of us who admire the gorgeously caparisoned bedsteads of our wealthy friends with envy and covetousness go home and glance disparagingly at our own humbler, simple wooden ones. But if we really hanker for something more sumptuous and ornate, why not have a brocade bedstead? The conversion of any ordinary bedstead, either wooden or iron, with a head and foot, is a perfectly easy matter.

Furniture brocade is the handsomest material to use, although tapestry, damask and cretonne are also just as suitable and effective.

The material is used to case entirely the ends of the bedstead. It is cut to the exact shapes of the head and foot. Each end is in two pieces; these two pieces are joined together along the top and down the sides by narrow strips just a fraction wider than the wooden or iron posts or rail over which it is to be fitted.

On the outer sides the covers should drop right to the floor; on the inner they reach only to the spring mattress. The seams and edges are finished with cord, if brocade is the material. Furniture braid, or piping, might be used for a lighter fabric.

Add to these covers an all-concealing bedspread of the same, with a deep flounce to the ground on either side, and perhaps, also, a long bolster for the head of the bed, with a silken or gold tassel at each end, and you have a stately bedstead with a subtle suggestion of old-worldliness and the splendid days of powder and buckled shoes. The very simplicity of the scheme is its principal charm; and it "goes" perfectly with Chinese lacquer or antique inlaid furniture.

Blue and silver-grey brocade, edged with silver cord, was the covering of a cheap wooden bedstead marvellously transformed by one resourceful woman; who, anxious to repeat the experiment, converted the iron bedstead with rounded ends in her little daughter's room into a very pretty piece of furniture by using a gay chintz for coverings.

The Latest Touch.

A French introduced this georgette triangle elaborated with embroidery, for evening.

Seen Here and There.

A new evening frock of coral-coloured lace had a part of its pattern picked out and embroidered in coral and other beads on one side of the skirt. This was the only trimming, and was very effective.

Miss Vera Reynolds, the Hollywood actress, wearing what she calls her "Eskimo" bathing costume.

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An evening cloak of original design was gathered into a huge square motif just below the back of the waist. The gathering was very close, and provided sufficient fullness to give play to the wide fur-trimmed sleeve.

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A new idea is to embroider the edge of a printed design in silk. A satin frock of royal blue had its floral design outlined in silk at the neck, girdle and hem.

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Short coats are going to be very popular this summer, either matching the accompanying frock or contrasting with it. Light coats over dark frocks have been seen, and vice versa. When these contrasts are used the upper part of the frock generally matches the coat.

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An unusual black lace evening dress showed a long transparent lace skirt over a short underskirt bordered with large red roses, made of chiffon. Two of these roses fastened the lace drapery on the *left hip.*

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Many frocks show an embroidered necklace, or bracelet, effect—sometimes both—in diamante or coloured stones. In place of our shoulder flowers we now like bows with long ends on our hips or shoulders. Bows, in fact, are popular everywhere but "material" flowers seem to have had their day.

Keeping Hair "Fit."

Many women would have far better hair if they took more trouble over it. Frequently its real needs, such as plenty of brushing, are neglected, and all the attention is paid to the waving.

To keep the hair "fit" and to improve it when out of condition two things are necessary—perfect cleanliness (the scalp should be as spotless as the rest of the body), and plenty of friction at the roots.

There are two ways by which friction may be applied. One is by brushing with a firm brush, and the other is by massage. Care must be taken over the choice of the brush. It should be firm but flexible. Very thick hair requires deep bristles. The hair should be brushed night and morning for at least two or three minutes, and then the scalp ought to be massaged. If desired, the finger-tips can just be lubricated with a lotion or a suspicion of French chalk. The rubbing must be done firmly, but gently, with the finger-tips from the side, the front, and the back of the head towards the centre. The massage should be continued until the scalp glows.

Long hair ought to be cut at least once a month. If the hair falls out in excess, electricity is often helpful. Special vibrators can be bought. They are quite inexpensive and give excellent results. A lotion can also be used.

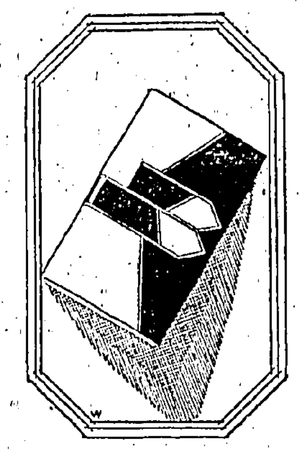
If the hair is too dry, an oily lotion is needed. Should the hair be very greasy, then a good stimulating hair tonic must be used.

Castor oil is splendid for promoting the growth of hair. It may be used alone or made into a pomade with cocoanut oil. But the most pleasant way is to get a hairdresser to make up a preparation in which its identity will be concealed to a great extent. To prevent greyness the hair must be kept very healthy and well nourished.

Dandruff is very injurious to the hair. Directly it is noticed a suitable lotion should be applied, and special care taken to see that the scalp is absolutely clean. The white of an egg beaten up with a teaspoonful of spirits of wine has been found a satisfactory lotion.

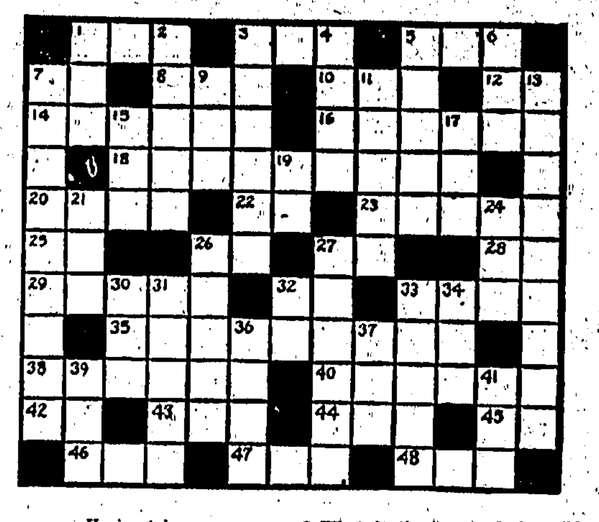
The owners of long hair should always let it be as loose as possible at night. Let it hang quite free.

Modernistic.



Beige and navy blue calf fashion this new envelope bag of modernistic design.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

1 What is the practical unit of electrical resistance?
3 Battering machine.
5 What is the first Wednesday of Lent called?
7 Mother.
8 Since.
10 What are automobile tires filled with?
12 What is the fifth month of the Hebrew calendar?
14 What is the most remote planet excepting Neptune?
16 What is tallow?
18 What people recently crowned a new king?
20 What large marine mammal comes to land to bear its young?
22 Second note in scale.
23 Conical.
25 What noun suffix denotes an act, state or quality?
26 What is the possessive adjective pronoun of the first person singular?
27 What is the abbreviation for "Maine"?
28 Bone.
29 What is a military vacation called?
32 Is Calcutta, India, larger than Shanghai, China?
33 Net of lace.
35 Where was Richard Byrd's airplane hauled after his forced landing in the English channel?
38 Black alloy.
40 What is the principal vein of a leaf?
42 Within.
43 What is moisture condensed upon the surfaces of cool bodies?
44 Type of poem.
45 Who is the great god of the sun?
46 Adverbial negative.
47 What is the relationship of Esau to Isaac? (Bib.)
48 To bring legal proceedings.

Vertical.

1 Rowing implement.
2 What is the name of the wild cat of the mountains of Siberia?
3 What is used in many countries to assist in counting prayers?
4 What were the "Three Wise Men of the East" called?
5 In what part of an amphitheatre does a bull fight take place?
6 Possesses.
7 Who is the most powerful person in Italy?
9 From what product did William Wrigley make his fortune?
11 Incensed.
13 What was the southern limit of Palestine in biblical times?
15 Constellation.
17 Common viper.
19 Point of compass.
21 Before.
24 Who is the mother of the winds?
26 What is another name for the European blackbird?
27 What religious community did Joseph Smith found in 1830?
30 Farewell!
31 What is the grass country of South Africa called?
32 Chaos.
33 What powerful people were associated with the Persians in biblical times?
34 To sin.
36 Plants.
37 In the middle of.
39 Way-side hotel.
41 Anger.

Yesterday's Solution.

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TO-DAY'S FILMS.

A FINE SEA DRAMA AT THE QUEEN'S.

A thrilling story of storm, shipwreck and mutiny, Frederick William Wallace's novel, "Captain Salvation," has been transferred to the screen and is offered as the main picture at the Queen's Theatre from to-day till Saturday. The picture has a large cast which includes Lars Hanson, Pauline Starke, Ernest Torrence, Marceline Day, Samme de Grasse and George Fawcett. "Captain Salvation" is a vivid story of the convict ship days, and depicts the exciting adventures of a young student who, tired of the petty quarrels of his village, forsakes his calling and turns to the sea. The climax is reached in a terrific fight with the captain of the convict ship, 75 feet above the deck of the vessel. "Captain Salvation" has been produced on a big scale, some of the scenes having been filmed aboard a sailing ship during an actual storm at sea.

Comedy at World.

Setting a new standard for such pictures, "Buck Privates," a comedy of the army of occupation, comes to the World Theatre to-day with Malcolm McGregor and Lya de Putti in the leading roles. Many entertaining situations, serious as well as humorous, take place through two members of the army falling in love with the same pretty German girl, the daughter of a German general captured by one of them just before the armistice. The local ban prohibiting fraternising helps to make things more difficult for those concerned, giving an unexpected twist to an amusing and exciting story. The picture has an excellent cast including such well known names as Zasu Pitts, Eddie Gribbon, James Marcus and Les Bates. It will be screened at the World Theatre until Saturday.

A Wife's Stratagems.

"Forbidden Waters" is the title of the picture to be shown at the Star Theatre from to-day to Saturday. A swiftly moving story with plenty of humour, the picture deals with the astonishing stratagems employed by a young woman to rescue the husband she has just divorced when she learns that he is about to be ensnared into marriage by a clever adventuress, Priscilla Dean is the ex-wife and the cast includes Walter McGrail, Casson Ferguson and Dan Mason. The director is Alan Hale, at one time Miss Dean's leading man.

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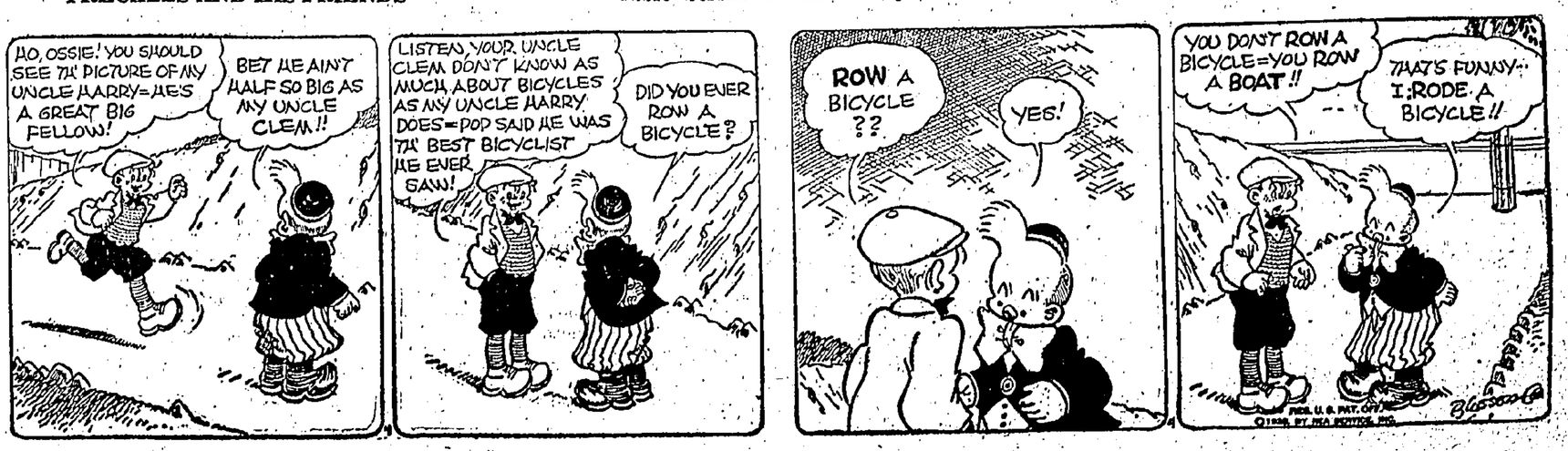

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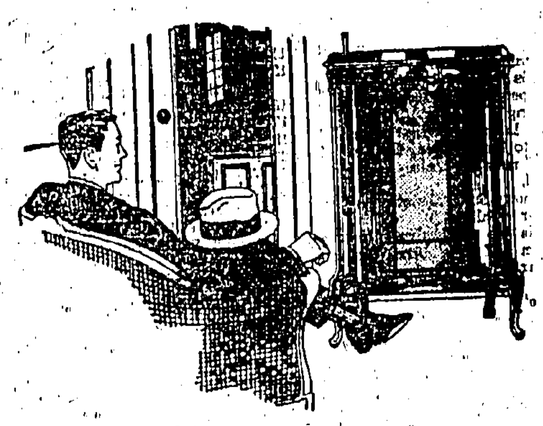

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THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1928.

THE NEW SITUATION.

In view of the new turn of events in Peking, there is considerable reason in the suggestion just made in the House of Commons by Commander Kenworthy that a conference of the Powers should be called to consider the situation. The British Government, we are assured by Mr. Locker-Lampson, is watching the developments, and directly it is known who will take over control of affairs, Britain will be ready to act. The moment, however, is one for joint action by the Powers rather than for individual moves, and we have no doubt that that fact is fully realised in responsible quarters. The Diplomatic Body has already made representations to the leading Nationalist and allied military commanders on the desirability of ensuring a peaceful occupation of Peking by their troops, and as other situations arise the representatives of the Powers will, it may safely be assumed, act as far as possible in concert.

One of the main questions which is soon likely to come within the sphere of practical politics is that of recognition of such Government as may be formed to take over the control of affairs in Peking. In some Chinese circles, there is already apparent some impatience on this point, even though the occupation is as yet by no means complete. A Shanghai message of yesterday gave a rather strained implication to the fact that the Diplomatic Body had communicated with the Nanking Government, by suggesting that this foreshadowed early recognition of the Nationalists. What the Diplomatic Body was anxious to secure was that there should be no hostilities in Peking, and, as it wished Chiang Kai-shek, Feng Yu-hsiang and Yen Hsi-shan to consent to some arrangement permitting the peaceful handing over of the city, it naturally made use of the Nanking Government as the medium for the transmission of its message. We certainly cannot see any special significance in that act. From another Chinese quarter we see it stated that recognition of the Nationalists by the Powers has hitherto been withheld until such time as Peking was occupied, and, as troops owing allegiance to the Nationalist cause have now entered the city, recognition should automatically follow. That, however, is again evidence of impatience, we fear. The matter is not quite so simple as all that. For troops to enter a city is one thing: the establishment of a Government is quite another. In this connexion, it must be remembered that although the Chang Tso-lin administration, formed in July last year, claimed by proclamation that the authority of the Republic was vested in it, the Powers never accorded it formal recognition. In the present case, there is a distinct possibility of much political and military manoeuvring before a new Government finally emerges, and even then the Powers will have to consider whether it appears to possess the elements of relative permanence and is likely to command respect for its authority.

The general British policy on this matter of recognition, in the absence of a Government which could speak for the whole country, has been to treat with such regional authorities as have been able to exercise some measure of real control in the territories in which they are established. That principle, we imagine, will be extended to the point of formal recognition of any Central Government which shows some likelihood of being able to exercise like control in larger areas. It is certain that Britain and the Powers generally will not hesitate to accord recognition immediately the circumstances warrant it, for it would be to their obvious advantage to have some central authority with which to deal. The occupation of Peking, even when finally completed, will not represent the end of the Nationalists' task—it will be but the beginning. With it will come fresh responsibilities, and the manner in which these are discharged will be a factor in this matter of recognition by the Powers.

Luthuania's Perversity.

Lithuania's attempt to revive the Vilna feud with Poland is manifestly ill-considered. Fortunately, Poland has exhibited no signs of exasperation and European politics are not likely to be seriously disturbed. It is, of course, well-known that the League of Nations, after long and anxious deliberations in an attempt to achieve a settlement of the dispute, supported the legitimacy of Poland's seizure of the town, and confirmed Poland in possession. That Lithuania, after so many years of controversy, their claims having been given every consideration, should amend its Constitution and nominate Vilna as the capital of the Republic, can only be interpreted as a deliberate affront to the League and to Poland, and calculated to strain the patience accorded hitherto. Lithuania's chief complaint is that Vilna is historically her capital, but this can be said to have applied only when the Republic was an integral part of the Russian Empire; and her boundary is not the only one which has undergone a change as the result of the European War. It is significant that in December last year, Lithuania complained to the League of Nations regarding Poland's treatment of minorities in Vilna. At that time, obviously, Poland's possession of the city was not in dispute, and it is difficult to explain the change of attitude except, as Sir Austen Chamberlain suggested at Geneva on Tuesday, Lithuania has gone out of her way to be irritating, unreasonable and uncompromising. M. Valdemaras would be well advised to give careful consideration to other points of view. Sir Austen does not talk idly on matters of this kind, and when he remarked that a small State which chooses to presume on universal sympathy is liable to forfeit that goodwill, the time has come for second thoughts. Lithuania is pre-eminently in a position to understand the importance of keeping on good terms with the bigger Powers, though M. Valdemaras at yesterday's meeting of the League of Nations declined to recognise the true import of Sir Austen's warning. On the contrary, he was plainly defiant. In the face of the absurdity of the situation, too great importance will not be attached to Lithuania's waywardness. The only fear is that Lithuania may be rash enough to further provoke her neighbour.

DAY BY DAY.

THE ESSENTIAL CHARACTER OF TRUE LIBERTY IS, THAT UNDER ITS SHELTER MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF LIFE AND CHARACTER, AND OPINION AND BELIEF, CAN DEVELOP UNMOLESTED AND UNOBSTRUCTED.—*W. E. H. Lecky.*

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Mr. A. G. Hewlitt, who has been on a holiday trip to Java, returned to the Colony yesterday.

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Naval wireless messages from Yangtsze ports state that British sailings have been resumed.

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Yesterday's health return shows one case each of small-pox and typhoid. Both were Chinese.

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The Empress of Canada arrived at Manila to-day at 7 a.m., is to leave there on Saturday at 4 p.m., and is due at Hongkong on Monday at 6 a.m.

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A mongrel dog, having bitten a Mr. Brimocomb, was sent to the Mataukok slaughter house yesterday for observation. The animal belonged to Mr. Blythe of No. 20, Tung Hing Street, Kowloon.

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Passengers due to arrive here from Home by s.s. Khyber tomorrow are Mr. and Mrs. W. J. F. Adams, Comdr. K. E. Buckland, Major-Gen. E. Gibb, C.B., Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gardner, Mrs. J. A. Garland, and Mr. W. Smith.

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A Chinese, employed as an engine-driver at the Wanchai Fire Brigade Station, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital this morning with head wounds received through falling off the fire engine this morning as the result of a fainting fit.

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A report has been made to the police by the mistress of a fish stall in the Yaumati Market that she was victimised to the extent of $50 by a foki, who obtained the money from her on the pretext of paying some bills for the store and then absconded.

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Among the guests present at Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung's reception at "Idlewild" on Wednesday were His Honour Mr. Justice and Mrs. P. Jacks, Mrs. A. C. Hynes, Dr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stewart, Mr. A. G. Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutherland.

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Government passengers departing for Home by s.s. Delta on Saturday next include Mrs. J. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Robertson and child, released from service with the Prison Department on pension on medical grounds, and Mr. W. J. Gorvin of the Supreme Court.

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A quantity of tar on the roof of the French Hospital, Causeway Bay, caught fire last night at 10.40 p.m. The Fire Brigade was summoned, but fortunately the outbreak was got under control soon after it commenced and the services of the Brigade were not required. There was no damage whatever to the hospital premises.

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The ricksha coolie who was charged on remand before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with larceny of $16 from Leading Seaman William Millar was convicted and sentenced to three weeks' hard labour. The coolie whom the complainant engaged was called but he did not substantiate the defendant's story that he had had trouble with the complainant.

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This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 15 arrivals and 14 departures, with Chinese registering the highest number of entries and British the best of the departures. Tonnage was lower than usual, while British vessels returned a total of tonnage under both headings of less than 2,000 tons. The high figures were Norwegian, Dutch and Japanese. At 9 a.m. there were 66 vessels in harbour, of which 22 were British.

M.P.'S SILENCE FOR 25 YEARS.

SIR J. AGG-GARDNER'S RECORD TO GO.

When he moved the second reading of the Hire-Purchase Bill in the House of Commons, Sir James Agg-Gardner broke a record he has held for over a quarter of a century.

Not once during that period had he spoken on a Bill.

Sir James is chairman of the Kitchen Committee of the House, however, and has frequently answered questions put to him by members on catering topics.

He is the oldest M.P.—being in his 82nd year—but is not, however, the "father" of the House, as although he was elected first for Cheltenham 54 years ago, he did not sit in the 1880 or 1906 Parliaments.

Sir James, who is a bachelor, is Lord of the Manor of Cheltenham.

THEFTS FROM THREE YACHTS.

TWO BOATMEN SENT TO PRISON.

Charges of larceny of two canvas awnings and a spinnaker, one canvas and 18 fathoms of Manila rope, from the yacht Y. 3; 20 fathoms of rope, one sail and sail cover, one lamp and one spinnaker from the yacht Gael; and 20 fathoms of rope, one lamp, one sail and one jib sail from the yacht Lola, were preferred against two boatmen and a youth before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The attendants of the three yachts appeared as complainants.

The defendant admitted taking part of the articles named in the charges.

In reply to his Worship, Inspector Ogg said he did not think there were any more than the three defendants concerned in the theft. The value of the articles mentioned was $380. They were taken from the three yachts while at anchor in the Causeway Bay typhoon shelter. It was between 2 a.m. and 4.30 a.m. yesterday that the things were stolen. The police arrested two of the defendants in one sampan, while the third was arrested in another.

Some of the stolen articles had been disposed of for $25, they having been traced to people in Wanchai and Aberdeen.

Inspector Ogg remarked that the yacht "boys" should have been on the boats, but they appeared to have all left the yachts that night.

The first defendant, whom his Worship remarked was much younger than the other two, was given the option of a fine of $50 or six weeks' hard labour, while the other two were each sentenced to two months' hard labour.

KOWLOON ACCIDENT SEQUEL.

LORRY DRIVER FINED FIFTY DOLLARS.

An accident, attended with injuries to three persons, occurred in Nathan Road shortly after noon on Monday, and, as a result, the driver of a motor lorry was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with driving his vehicle without two efficient and independent brakes.

The defendant pleaded guilty.

Sub-Inspector Nicol said the defendant was driving along Nathan Road at 12.30 p.m. on Monday. A man got into the centre of the road and the defendant applied his brakes, but they were useless. He swerved to the right to avoid the man, but his action was so sudden that two men on the lorry were thrown off, while the man in the middle of the road was also knocked down. All three people were now in hospital.

His Worship:—Are they out of danger?

Sub-Inspector Nicol:—Yes, your Worship.

The defendant was fined $50, or six weeks' hard labour.

TOO MUCH TALK ABOUT ULTIMATUMS.

VISCOUNT CECIL'S PROTEST ON THE EGYPTIAN CRISIS.

"I have no general criticism to make against the line of policy we are pursuing," said Lord Cecil, "but I must protest against some of the speeches made on the subject.

"A phrase in one particular speech ran, 'When Great Britain sends an ultimatum to any other Government in the world let it be plainly understood that she knows her own mind.'

"Surely this talk of ultimatums must seem a little old-fashioned to-day. To those who do not fully understand platform oratory, such a phrase might imply that the speaker was not fully in sympathy with the aims and ideals of the League of Nations. Many people have been considerably upset by this particular phrase."

The passage quoted by Viscount Cecil occurred in a speech by Sir William Joynson-Hicks at a meeting of the Holborn Conservative Association.

CUBAN SUGAR CROP.

OUTPUT ESTIMATED TO BE 5,000,000 TONS.

Havana, June 6.

The grinding operations for the next Cuban sugar crop will start in December. The output is estimated to be approximately 5,000,000 tons.—*Reuter's American Service.*

The Very Latest.

The Long Arm of Coincidence.—S. E. T. writes to a Home paper: "For a time I seemed to have some gift of guessing numbers. I wonder if any of your readers have had a similar experience. For instance, I went to a cricket match and informed the person sitting next me that a man who had made about 90 would make 140. He did, and was out next ball.

"As we cycled past a shop I informed a friend that the price of a table which stood outside was three guineas. Inquiry showed that this was the sum asked. On meeting a shepherd with his sheep I asked 'How many, shepherd—500?' He answered, 'That's it to a sheep.'

"On narrating some of my guesses at tea a village choirmaster challenged me to tell him the last number he had written down on his choir list. I said 26. He replied, 'That is very remarkable; 26 was the last number I wrote, but I thought you would have named a much less number.' Since then I have had no desire to guess at all."

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Which is the elementary school in London that first flew the Union Jack? The honour is claimed by a Church school in Lingham-street, Stockwell, which hoisted the National flag in 1815. Eighteen months ago the flag-staff was condemned—not unjustly, perhaps, after so long a life—and the old boys undertook to provide a new one. This is now in place, and the flag was recently flown again.

Thanks to the Earl of Meath the Union Jack is seen on many school buildings each Empire Day; but a hundred and twelve years ago there were few schools, and not many, perhaps, boasted a flagstaff.

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The conversation turned on golf,
and foxtrots, bricks and spats,
Then someone mentioned gramophones and bicycles and hats,
And motor-mascots, bedroom plays
and artificial teeth,
As well as lurid "close-ups," with
the captions underneath.
Then lipsticks and complexion
cream came into the debate,
And fishing tales and saxophones
and "one above the eight,"
Umbrellas, tripe and chewing gum
and daylight signs and macs
Were quoted as the very things
that Winston ought to tax.

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Undiscovered church history from an examination paper in a Los Angeles high school:—"The Protestant Reformation was when the Protestants broke away from the Catholic Church and began to forgive their own sins."

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Clustered round the tram stopping place were a number of very small children, accompanied by a woman.

A tramcar came in sight, and the children swarmed aboard. The woman with them was the last to embark.

The conductor came along to collect the fares. He counted the children. There were twelve. "Excuse me, madam," he ventured, "but are these all yours, or is it a picnic?"

The woman glared at him. "Sir," she snapped, "these are all mine—and it's no picnic."

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Beggar at Tottenham: I only asked for an Easter egg.

Mother at Willesden: My little boy hit a motor-car with a bow and arrow and the driver boxed his ears.

Solicitor at Mansfield: This poor husband was on his hands and knees washing the floor, his wife was calling him names, and expected him to say, "Thank you, darling!"

Man, accused of begging from a doctor at Highgate: We are brother Scots, and he gave me the 2s. 6d. willingly.

Sailor, accused of drunkenness at Marylebone: The beer we get nowadays is not the right snuff. Mr. Bingle (magistrate): We know that sailors can drink a lot.

MAKING PUNISHMENT FIT CRIME?

SINGAPORE SENTENCES AGAIN CRITICISED.

London, June 6.

Singapore's methods of dealing with crime are still a deep concern for the Labour Party.

Mr. Wedgwood drew attention to the recent sentence imposed upon a Chinese named Wang Teck-chai, who was sent to penal servitude for life, etc., for possessing materials for the manufacture of bombs, and for the possession of seditious literature.

Lieut.-Col. L. C. M. S. Amery, the Colonial Secretary, said he saw no reason for asking the local Government to abolish such punishments for offences of this nature.—*Reuter.*

INFRINGING TRADE MARKS.

SINGLET SELLERS CHARGED AT KOWLOON.

WOMAN FINED $30.

Two Chinese stall-holders occupying a common space of ground in Shanghai Street, Yaumati, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on charges of selling singlets with infringements of the trade marks of the Kam Hing Knitting Factory.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton prosecuted.

The case against a female seller was taken first, she pleading that the trade marks were different from those of the complainant Company.

Mr. Marton said that if the defendant pleaded guilty and told the complainants where she had purchased the singlets, the prosecution would be prepared to withdraw the case against her.

The defendant insisted that the trade marks on the singlets seized in her shop were not similar to those manufactured by the complainants.

Only Used Wrappers.

Mr. Marton produced singlets seized from the defendant's stall and which bore a wrapper with an imitation of the complainants' trade mark.

The defendant, when asked to explain how the wrappers were the same as those of the complainants, said she had previously sold singlets belonging to the Kam Hing Company, but, having sold out her stock, she had utilised the wrappers for the other singlets

Mr. Marton pointed out to his Worship that that was an infringement of the complainants' trade mark.

The defendant said that she had bought the singlets from a travelling trader who had come from Canton.

Mr. Marton informed his Worship that the defendant had told the complainants the man from whom she had purchased the singlets was in Hongkong.

Goods Confiscated.

His Worship:—Under the circumstances will you be satisfied with the confiscation of the goods?

Mr. Marton:—If your Worship imposes a fine there would be more chance of finding out the name of the manufacturers.

His Worship:—The manufacturers seem to be in Canton.

Mr. Marton replied that the defendant had told them just before coming to Court that the manufacturers were in Hongkong.

The defendant was fined $30, and the singlets confiscated.

The other defendant, a man, said the entire quantity of singlets seized belonged to the female defendant and denied that he had any garments on his stall.

His case was then proceeded with, but was still proceeding at a late hour.

RECKLESS CYCLIST.

LAUGHED AT POLICE WARNING.

Describing the case as being the worst one of reckless driving that he had ever encountered, Sergeant Baysting prosecuted a cyclist before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for dangerous driving.

Sergeant Baysting said he was travelling along Nathan Road last night when he saw the defendant riding towards him on the wrong side of the road. The defendant was instructed to ride on the correct side, but he merely turned round and laughed. Witness went after the defendant, who was then seen to be riding the cycle on a zig-zag course.

At one time he nearly went under a bus. He later went into Shantung street but returned to Nathan Road again and subsequently turned into a *cul de sac*, eventually colliding with a wall.

The defendant said he had been trying to avoid a bus.

A fine of $30 was imposed.

CARRIED PASSENGERS.

CARGO BOAT WOMAN IN TROUBLE.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., the mistress of a cargo boat was charged with carrying 50 passengers, in contravention of the terms of her licence.

Pleading guilty, the accused stated that she had never carried passengers before, but as these people were stranded and there was no other boat in the vicinity, she was prevailed upon to take them.

In reply to questions by his Worship, she stated that she had held a licence for five years and fully understood the terms of it.

A fine of $25, with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment, was inflicted.

RICE PAYMENT CLAIM FAILS.

CANNOT RECOVER FROM A BROTHEL.

That payment for goods supplied to a brothel cannot be recovered in law was ruled by Mr. Justice Jacks in the Summary Court, this morning when dealing with a claim for $284.94, being payment claimed for rice supplied to the Choi Luk brothel, West Point, between the fourth moon of the year before last and the twelfth moon last year. The money was claimed by the Woo Sing Yuen Kee rice shop, of 30, Pokfulum Road.

The plaintiff firm conducted its own case and Mr. F. X. D'Almada defended.

In giving evidence substantiating his claim, the plaintiff said that he had only received $25 on account.

Replying to Mr. D'Almada, plaintiff said he knew that he was supplying the goods to a brothel.

Mr. D'Almada submitted that he had no case to answer. He said he gave notice to the plaintiff on May 9 that the claim could not be sustained and that if it was brought before the Court he would plead a special defence of irregularity. He went on to quote authorities to show that money for goods supplied to a house of ill-fame was not recoverable, but that such money could be recovered for goods supplied to an individual prostitute.

His Lordship told the plaintiff that if he supplied houses of that kind, he did so at his own risk.

Plaintiff replied that when they sent for the rice they did not tell him what kind of a place it was.

His Lordship, in giving judgment for the defendant with costs, said plaintiff had admitted that he knew the character of the house.

At the conclusion of the case, Mr. D'Almada remarked that there was a representative of the Trade Protection Association present, watching the case and taking notes.

His Lordship:—What concern has he with it?

Mr. D'Almada's reply was inaudible.

A ZOO ELEPHANT FOUND DEAD.

HASTY TEMPERED AND A BULLY.

"Kiberenge," the male African elephant, was found dead in its stall at the Zoo recently. He was presented to the society five years ago by Sir Horace Byatt, then Governor of Tanganyika Territory.

When he arrived at the Zoo he was a playful youngster of about 18 months, but he grew with enormous rapidity, and at his death stood about seven feet at the shoulder and weighed nearly three tons. He had, in addition, a pair of quite massive tusks, and altogether was an elephant of great promise.

Two years after his arrival, "Kiberenge" was joined by a little female elephant called "Hango" from the same locality, presented by the King. Hango," of course, was much smaller than "Kiberenge," being two years younger, and he was inclined to bully her somewhat, so that of late he was hobbled in one corner of the stall to limit his range of activities.

Even if "Kiberenge" had lived to grow up, it is unlikely that he would have ever made a docile elephant, for he showed signs of possessing a somewhat hasty temper.

It will be remembered that the two last elephants the Zoo lost, both died of anthrax, and at first it was suspected that "Kiberenge" might have succumbed to the same complaint, so elaborate precautions were taken.

Happily this surmise proved to be incorrect, as both bacteriological examination and subsequent findings at the postmortem showed no trace of anthrax, and his death can only be attributed to sudden heart failure.

Little "Hango" was removed to the sanatorium much against her will, and she is evidently feeling the loss of her mate deeply, for although "Kiberenge" was at times rather rough in his play, both animals were greatly attached to each other at heart, and every sunny morning they were turned out into the elephant yard together for an hour's romp while their stall was being cleaned out. "Hango" will go back to the empty stall, soon, but it is hoped that it will not be long before another mate will be found for her.

AMERICAN CREDIT.

KANSAS CITY FOLLOWS THE REDUCTION LEAD.

Kansas City, June 7.

The Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank has advanced its rediscount rate to four and a half per cent., thus placing all twelve Federal Reserve Banks on that basis.—*Reuter's American Service.*

U. S. MISSIONARY'S ADVENTURES.

TAKEN PRISONER BY KUOMINCHUN.

HELD AS SPY FOR MORE THAN A FORTNIGHT.

LONG MOTOR TREK.

Shanghai, June 2.

The Rev. L. C. Osborn is glad to be back from his enforced stay at Kaichow, Chihli, and so is his wife and their many friends. He joined his waiting wife here at 17, Mimosa Court, coming by way of Shanghai and Tsingtao.

It will be remembered that Mr. Osborn, an American missionary, had been taken by the Kuominchun forces at Puchow, Shantung, and was made to drive to headquarters at Kaichow, Chihli, on the same day, April 13. He was detained at Kaichow till May 1, when he was released.

Suspected as Spy.

He was held apparently out of suspicion that he was a spy, but was not allowed to see the commander in order to give an account of himself. It seems clear that the untiring efforts put forth by the American authorities here and in Peking brought about Mr. Osborn's release, although he himself was not informed at the time that the military had been ordered to release him.

As far as was known to him, he was set at liberty on a written guarantee signed by a few local Chinese friends, that he was "not dangerous," a correspondent informs the *Peking and Tientsin Times*.

Held a Prisoner.

Although a prisoner, he was treated well, given two meals a day from the Chinese officers' kitchen, and slept on a Chinese wooden bed with only a thin straw mat over the wooden slats.

As can be imagined, with no change of clothing, and crowded conditions in a church balcony for a home, together with many military men, Mr. Osborn did not remain entirely free from the usual unwelcome small inhabitants of crowded quarters in China. A Chinese Christian church worker brought him milk from the cows left at Kaichow by the missionaries who had evacuated that station early this year.

The argument often advanced against foreigners leaving the interior at the wish of our governmental authorities received a blow when an officer told Mr. Osborn, "Why are you here; do you not know that all foreigners were ordered home last year?"

Again on another occasion an influential person of high rank in the Kuominchun told Mr. Osborn, "You foreigners ran away last year as though we would kill you as a pack of dogs."

Motors 120 Miles Across Country.

Without any pass or permit (he had left his American passport at Chaocheng, Shantung, his mission station) Mr. Osborn set out with his Ford car to make the

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"JESUS" IN GENESIS.

AN ADDRESS BY J. S. FLACKS.

An interesting lecture was delivered last evening in the Union Church Hall, Kennedy Road, by Joseph S. Flacks, a Hebrew Christian.

Introducing the speaker, Mr. R. D. Wilson remarked that Mr. Flacks had been in Hongkong in the year 1921 and was here again a month ago. He was known to most of those present and to those who were to hear him for the first time, prayer was offered that the subject of the address would be to their blessing and that it would be a help to all.

Opening his address, Mr. Flacks remarked that God is more desirous of giving than we are of receiving. He had read in a paper that a group of Cambridge professor intend to present to the public an abridged Bible. In this new Bible, they are retaining Genesis. Hence, we cannot be considered narrow or out of date if we look into the contents of Genesis in our meditation.

The New and the Old.

Without the Old Testament of the Bible, the New cannot be properly understood. Metaphorically, the photograph of the New Testament is seen in the Old. The New Testament in an unfolding of the Old. Touching on the account of the Creation as given in Genesis, many theories to disprove it had been advanced and these had multiplied. His intention was not to quarrel with those who disbelieve but simply to state what the Bible says and, on this occasion, to find the picture of Jesus in Genesis.

Having sinned, Adam was hiding "in the midst of the tree" is what the literal Hebrew expresses. But God seeks for him. The woman which God gave was to "stand by" (lit. Heb.) the man. She failed and stumbled him. Though responsible to God himself, Adam blamed God for the woman and she laid the cause in the Serpent. However, God made provision for man's condition. In the immediate instance He clad His creature with a covering of skins. Christ is substitionary for man's need.

Promise shone through the scene and the Seed of the woman would crush the head of the Serpent. This pointed to Christ. "It shall bruise thy head." "He" is the original where "it" occurs. As we follow the genealogy, we find mention of Abraham, of whom by absolutely Divine possibility a great nation was to exist. We eventually come to Jesus as we look over the records of Scripture. Jesus Christ was the One to bruise the head of the Deceiver of the father of the human race.

"The Good Shepherd."

Jesus is well portrayed in Abel, the second son of Adam. Abel—the name in Hebrew stands for keeper, shepherd. It is the same word in Psalm 23, "My Shepherd", and it is characteristic of "He leadeth me. He restoreth" mentioned in that Scripture. Again in the Gospel according to St. John, "I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." The Epistle to the Hebrews tells us that "Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain by it, he being dead yet speaketh." It was the fulness of the strength of the flocks and the fatlings which Abel offered. Jesus was the Sacrifice unto God expressive of this. Christ is also excellently pictured to us in Abel. In

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"On a morning like this I feel as carefree and lighthearted as a school kid."

PECULIAR CRIME COINCIDENCE.

TWO "CHAN WINGS" IN LOCAL RECORDS.

BOTH ARE OLD HANDS.

Whether there is anything to be said for the belief held by some Chinese that good or bad fortune is to some degree dependant on a person's name, it is certain that the name Chan Wing is an unlucky one for criminals in Hongkong.

The detective force attached to the Central Police Station here have on their records the names of two criminals bearing that name, both of whom have considerable experience of gaol sentences.

One of the Chan Wings was sent to prison for the nineteenth time this morning by Major C. Willson. His term this time will be for a period of six months' hard labour, to be followed by two years under police supervision. Amongst other terms of imprisonment which this man has served is one for four years and another for five years with hard labour. He was released from gaol only in March of this year.

There is another Chan Wing at present serving a term of imprisonment here. During the past twenty-six years he has only spent four years in freedom. His record exceeds that of his namesake, as he has no fewer than twenty-two convictions against him.

Naturally the lengthy records of two criminals bearing the same name has made work rather difficult for the officer in charge of records.

When the first Chan Wing was brought before Major C. Willson this morning he was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour, which sentence the Magistrate revoked, on learning the man's record. On examining the document handed him by the police, the Magistrate observed that the record was that of "another Chan Wing."

It was explained to his Worship that there was a Chan Wing in prison who had a lengthy record, and, in order to distinguish between the two, the defendant before his Worship was termed "another Chan Wing."

A curious coincidence in the arrest of Chan Wing is the fact that it was brought about by Sergeant Goodwyn, who was also concerned in the arrest of the Chan Wing who is now in gaol.

WINDOW-BREAKING EPISODES.

SPIRIT OF HONGKONG TROOPS IS EXCELLENT.

London, June 6.

The window-breaking epidemic by troops in Hongkong was recalled in the House of Commons to-day, when Mr. E. Thurtle (Lab.) asked the War Minister for the promised statement on the demeanour of troops in Hongkong.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans said he had received from the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard) a report stating that there was no discontent among the troops of his Command; on the contrary, that "their spirit is excellent."—*Reuter.*

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. *Where has a hidden colony of Europeans been found after being isolated for nearly a century?*
2. *What astonishing discovery has just been made in Cyprus?*
3. *Where near London is there a sundial which shows the wrong time for nearly half the year?*
4. *What new metal has just been discovered by German scientists?*
5. *Where has an ancient city recently been found buried under sand?*
6. *What beauty spot made famous by Wordsworth has just been sold to a business man?*
7. *What gigantic new irrigation project is now under discussion?*
8. *What famous incident at the battle of Culloden is now declared to be a myth?*
9. *In the science of crime detection, what is the difference between the Bertillon system and the Galton system?*
10. *What chemical action involves the world in an annual loss of £6,000,000,000?*
11. *What new vegetable, immensely rich in vitamin "C," is now for the first time under cultivation in Europe?*
12. *What new method have scientists now discovered for the destruction of bacteria and the cure of tuberculosis?*

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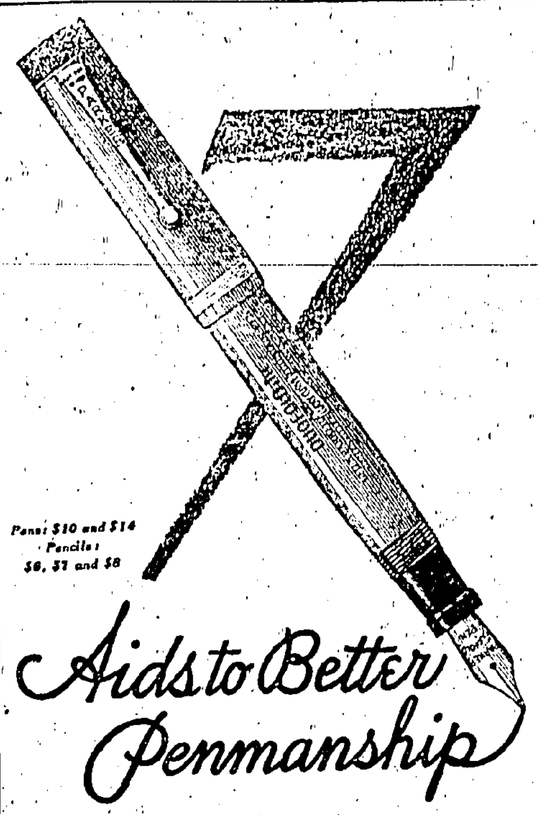

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PING PONG MATCH.

CHINESE BEATS JAPANESE.

An exhibition ping pong match was played in the Chung Shen Athletic Club on Tuesday night, when Mr. Ng Tai-ping, the Colony's Ping Pong Champion, beat Mr. Francis G. Nagochi, the ex-Champion of Yokohama, by three straight sets, 10-8, 6-0, 6-1.

Mr. Ng Tai-ping played very steadily from the very beginning. Winning the first set, he retained the lead throughout. The Chinese showed exceptional brilliance in controlling the ball, and was particularly accurate in his drives, securing 23 points out of a possible 25.

The Japanese player is preparing for a return match, which, it is hoped, will be arranged some time next week.

After the match, there was a gathering in the Club-house, where the pleasant function of congratulating the winner took place. Two silver mementos were presented to the ping pong stars by the Club.

KOWLOON GOLF.

DRAW FOR CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The draw for the Captain's Cup at Kowloon has been made, and is as follows:

G. Razavet v A. W. Roberts.
J. O. McLaggan v F. Lickley.
E. D. da Roza v J. D. Thomson.
A. A. Lopes v A. W. da Roza.
J. McKnight v T. M. Mitchell.
S. Gray v F. X. Remedios.
J. Dixon v Lt. Gairdner.
W. Paterson v F. E. Remedios.

The first round has to be completed by June 17, the second by June 24, the semi-final by July 1 and the final will take place on July 8.

Return Match.

A return match between Kowloon Golf Club and Happy Valley teams will take place at the Valley on Sunday. The sides will be:

Kowloon.	Valley.
F. E. Remedios	E. Black
A. W. Roberts	R. Campbell
E. D. da Roza	C. B. Robertson
J. McKnight	R. Wallace
H. Overy (Capt.)	F. Booker (Capt).
J. D. Thomson	J. Stewart
A. W. da Roza	J. McCubbin
Lt. Young	E. Moore
S. Gray	W. McKay
J. McLaggan	P. Morrison
W. Paterson	F. Glover
F. Wheeler	J. Dorling
F. X. Remedios	A. Charman
J. McQueen	G. McLeod
A. A. Lopes	W. Pryde
T. H. Austin	T. Young
G. Duncan (Reserve.)	

Singles will be played in the morning and foursomes in the afternoon. Starting times have been reserved from 9 a.m. to 10.10 a.m.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

KOWLOON C. C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The following have been selected to represent the K. C. C. in their league fixtures on Saturday:

"B" Division versus Club de Recreio on K. C. C. ground at 4.30 p.m.—C. J. Tacchi and D. S. Green, J. S. Smith and A. N. Other, W. Brown and J. N. Owen.

"C" Division versus C. R. C. 2nd team on K. C. C. ground at 4.30 p.m.—C. H. Atkins and K. A. Carstensen, P. M. Pinguet and A. E. Guest, C. W. E. Bishop and Geo. Lee.

FANLING GOLF.

A. E. LISSAMAN QUALIFIES FOR CAPTAIN'S CUP.

There were nineteen entries for the Captain's Cup at Fanling over the week-end. A. E. Lissaman, with a score of 80—7=73 was the winner. Other scores were: F. M. Ellis, 93—18=75; S. T. Butlin, 88—11=77.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. In the Riversdale district of Cape Colony. 2. The fossilised imprint of the foot of prehistoric man believed to be 4,000,000 years old. 3. In Petts Wood, Chislehurst; it is a memorial to William Willett, and is only accurate during British Summer Time. 4. "Electron metal," 40 per cent. lighter than aluminium. 5. During Dr. Trinkler's explorations in Chinese Turkestan the city was unearthed in the Taklama Kan Desert. 6. Okee Hill, Derbyshire. 7. The flooding of the Kalahari Desert. 8. The order that no quarter was to be given to the Hanoverians. The denial is by the Duke of Atholl. 9. Bertillon, measurements; Galton, finger-prints. 10. Rust, according to Lord Askwith. 11. The "golden bean," a vegetable resembling celery, but only growing 2 or 3 inches high. 12. A 3,500 candle-power lamp burning aluminium threads used by the Paris Faculty of Medicine.

CALCUTTA SWEEP MYSTERY.

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Lord Dewar's Sunny Trace (G. Richards) 0
Mr. H. R. Armitage's Yeomanstown ..... (Gardner) 0

Won by one and a half lengths; six lengths between second and third.

Time: 2 minutes 34 2/5th seconds (equalling Call Boy's record last year).

Betting: 33/1 Felstead; 9/2 Flamingo; 33/1 Black Watch.

Description of the Race.

The tapes were broken three times before the start. The large field got off fairly well, with the exception of Royal Crusader which was badly left.

Flamingo, second favourite, settled down into the lead, being followed closely by Ranjit Singh, Porthole, Royal Minstrel, Sunny Trace and Felstead in that order.

There was no important change at the half-mile post except that of Sunny Trace which had jumped into second place, followed by Felstead.

Tattenham Corner.

Rounding Tattenham Corner, Flamingo still held the lead, in front of Sunny Trace, Felstead, Fernkloof, Black Watch, Gang Warily, and Royal Minstrel.

Felstead's jockey, Wragg, did not put the horse into the lead until the quarter-mile post and then he drew in front rapidly, easily resisted Flamingo's challenge and, making the remainder of the running, won fairly easily. Black Watch was a long way behind Flamingo. Fernkloof was fourth, Gang Warily, Fifth and Camelford sixth. Royal Crusader was, of course, never really in the race and was last.—*Reuter.*

One Minute After.

The Hongkong Superintendent of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. writes that he is authorised by the London Head Office to state that the result of the Derby was signalled over the Companies' systems in the following times:—Egypt and South Africa, 5 seconds; India and South America, 8 seconds; Australia, 30 seconds; Straits, 20 seconds; China, 60 seconds.

U.S. MISSIONARY'S ADVENTURES.

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cross-country trip from Kaichow to Kaifeng, which he covered in two days, stopping overnight at Tungminghsien, a city just across the Yellow River south of Kaichow.

The entire trip was made without incident. He had a warm welcome from the Christians at Tungminghsien, and passing Lanfeng, Honan, he arrived safely in Kaifeng, where he was kindly received by his American friend, the Rev. E. P. Ashcrafts of the Free Methodist Mission there.

Mr. Osborn negotiated a passport at the Foreign Office, which he procured upon payment for $7, and went by rail via Hsuchowfu to Shanghai; at Hsucowfu he had a 72 hours' wait, but finally got away to Shanghai.

Hopeful Signs.

The Rev. Mr. Osborn believes he has had an invaluable experience, and he sees a new day dawn for China. Many hopeful signs there are, and some signs of this he saw in road building and improvements in cities.

Many of the officers he met he found to be men of clean habits and drunkenness was absent. There is an alertness among leaders that speaks for progress. He believes the new day is fraught with great possibilities for both good and evil. The things for which missionaries have stood are made slogans, such as "Down with Superstition," "Down with Pride," etc. However, he sees two dangers:

One, in the measures used, which are iconoclastic (temples are cleared of idols without any reference to the feelings of the average countryman), and last in the doing away of superstition, all religion, true or false, may go by the board.

"JESUS" IN GENESIS.

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the Corinthian Epistles there is mention of Christ. "If one died for all then were all dead." Christ's death speaks for us as a substitution. God does not accommodate Himself to our fancies. He bestows His righteousness on the ground of substitution.

With regard to Cain, the name meant a buyer, a merchant. He had rejected God and chosen the Devil, having lent himself as his tool. Men are constantly insisting on having personal liberty but actually there is an invisible power behind them spurring them on. In the 53rd Chapter of Isaiah we find, "We have turned everyone to his own way." This is true but there is power outside of ourselves which has chosen the wrong way for us. The second chapter of Ephesians records that "Ye .... were dead" nevertheless "Ye walked according to the course of this world according to the prince of the power of the air."

The Jewish Race.

The speaker also casually observed that while strong nations had declined, God in His wisdom had preserved a feeble folk in the nation of Israel. Jacob was named Israel, meaning a prince with God. The nation were the custodians of God's works and words. Consciously or unconsciously, the Jew is a living witness to the supernatural. No-one can give a proper explanation of the origin of the Jewish race excepting in God. The birth of Isaac was supernatural and he was supernaturally sustained.

When the speaker was a boy, every Jewish lad read and recited the Old Testament Scriptures and chanted the Song of Solomon every Sabbath. Jesus had said, "Search the Scriptures, in them ye think ye have eternal life, they testify of me." It is not sufficient to read and recite; let us search the Scriptures. As regards the Apocryphal books, there is no evidence that they are inspired writings.

To one who considers Genesis a concoction of myth and fable, unscientific and unreasonable, if he would find Jesus in Genesis as the Seed of the woman, the Shepherd in Abel and the Lamb which was offered up in sacrifice, it is worth the trouble to search the Scriptural record with an open mind and willing heart and find the Living Word in the written Word.

Further lectures will be given in the Union Church Hall by Mr. Flacks and he will be speaking again this afternoon at 5.30.

With accommodation for 1,000 passengers, the twin-screw steamer Worthing, for service between Newhaven and Dieppe, has been launched at Dumbarton.

CHARGES "THROWN ABOUT."

JUDGE'S STRONG CRITICISM OF A SOLICITOR.

Mr. Justice Horridge, after the withdrawal of an action between two solicitors in the King's Bench Division, said: "I cannot part with this case without saying that I am shocked at a respectable solicitor bringing an action and throwing about charges of fraud and then withdrawing it in the way in which this case has been withdrawn."

The action had been brought by Mr. Hyam Joseph, a solicitor, of Hove, against another solicitor, Sir Charles Edward Cottier, said to be the chairman of several large companies.

It had been alleged by Mr. Joseph that he was fraudulently induced to settle a previous action between the parties through misrepresentations made to him by Sir Charles and a man named Moore, who was said to have acted as agent for Sir Charles.

The dispute had regard to commission notes held by Mr. Joseph in respect of deals by Sir Charles in sandbags. Mr. Joseph was entitled to 3½ per cent. of the profits made by Sir Charles, and an account showed that his profit was £60,000.

In the first action, Mr. Joseph said that the profits were considerably larger, but agreed to settle his claim upon payment of £2,000 and a withdrawal of the charges of fraud which he was then making.

In the present case he alleged that he would not have settled the prior action but for the fraudulent misrepresentation of Sir Charles and Moore that super tax and income tax had been paid upon the profits.

Mr. Comyns Carr, K. C., stated that Mr. Jeoseph's view was that he could not have been entitled to more than £2,000 as his share of the profits, and the present action would be withdrawn, Mr. Joseph submitting to judgment against him, with costs.

Sir Charles Cottier gave evidence emphatically denying that there was any truth in the allegations made against him.

Mr. Justice Horridge directed the special jury to return a verdict for Sir Charles, for whom judgment was entered, with costs.

21 CHARGES AGAINST TAX INSPECTOR.

£6,000 ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN OBTAINED BY FRAUD.

When a retired tax inspector was charged at Nottingham Police Court, prosecuting counsel said it was a case of a gamekeeper having turned poacher.

The accused, Harold Thomas Hammill, of Southcort, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, had 21 charges to answer. Among them were:—

Obtaining money by fraud.

Stealing income tax certificates.

Having in his possession dies resembling certain company dies and documents intended to pass as certificates.

Mr. C. W. Davies Miller, for the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, declared that Hammill had abused the position he enjoyed by tricking and robbing the Inland Revenue records of some hundreds of documents which he kept to use as vouchers. In three years he had put forward 25 fraudulent repayment claims and had obtained £6,029.

WRANGLE IN THE LORDS.

LIVELY DIALOGUE ON RAILWAY COMPANIES BILL.

Westminster, May 10.

While the Commons to-day were peculiarly gracious to each other, the Lords, after passing the Petroleum Bill, became highly inflammatory. Viscount Peel and Lord Montagu of Beaulieu had a long and stubborn wrangle.

The Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee have recently been reporting to the Minister of Transport their views on the Railway Companies' Bills to run road services. Lord Montagu, an enthusiast for the car, darkly suspects the Minister of favouring the train; and he made the serious suggestion that the Advisory Committee have been told to readjust their report more closely to official liking. Further, he hinted that the report was being carefully suppressed.

All this Viscount Peel, who was in charge for the Government, contradicted, "but," he asked Lord Montagu, bluntly, "where have you been getting hold of private documents?" Then came some brisk dialogue.

"When did you see it?"

"I am not going to tell."

"Have you read it?"

"That again I am not going to tell you."

"So," commented Lord Peel, witheringly, "you come to the House with hearsay and street-corner 'tittle-tattle.'"

The two noble Lords glared at each other provokingly. Both were too incensed to realise how humorous the notion of Lord Montagu, lounging at a street corner, appeared.

It was the champion of the petrol engine who had the last word by defiantly declaring that the confidential report was known to many people. Lord Peel scowled at the bare idea, but resisted comment, and the House rose, looking elaborately unconscious of anything out of the ordinary.

It Pays to Advertise.

Sir Alfred Robbins emphasised the value of newspaper advertising in an address recently on "Publicity and Profit" at the luncheon of the London Commercial Club.

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ROYAL ACADEMY.

THE LATE MR. SIM'S MYSTIC PICTURES.

PRIVATE VIEW DAY.

May 4th. was Private View day of the Royal Academy. The *Morning Post's* art critic singles out for special mention Sir W. Orpen's portrait of Dame Madge Kendal, of which he remarks that the artist has never excelled this work.

Among the exhibits are pictures of the King and Queen and Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles. Others include the so-called mystic pictures of Mr. Charles Sims. The Royal Academy exhibition of 1828 was referred to in the *Morning Post* as follows: "The Exhibition this year is of a character that evinces the rapid progress of the Fine Arts.... its general interest is by no means diminished," in spite of the fact that there were fewer historical pictures. This record of progress, it must be remembered, was made long after the death of Hogarth, Reynolds, Gainsborough, Romney, and Raeburn, and at a time when Sir Thomas Lawrence, Turner, Constable, Wilkie, and James Ward were the dominating forces in the Academy. On the other hand, Constable declared that "the Exhibition is poor....the talent small." Yet the collection included his own "Dedham Vale" and "Hampstead Heath" (which were believed by the artist himself to be his best works); Turner's "Dido Directing the Equipment of the Fleet," and James Ward's "Portrait of Apollo," George IV.'s favourite horse. Wilkie did not exhibit in 1828.

The Men of To-day.

This brief introduction lead to the usual question: What is the present Academy like? Does it display "rapid progress," or is at a poor collection? There are certainly not five men exhibiting who are equal to the first-named quintette. What of the second? Is Sir William Orpen or Mr. Richard Sickert superior to Lawrence; or is Mr. A. J. Munnings on the same level as James Ward? There is no Wilkie to-day, and assuredly neither Mr. Oliver Hall nor Sir H. Hughes-Stanton—although both are at their best this year—compare with Turner and Constable. In the year of his magnificent "Frisian Bull" Mr. Munnings won a place alongside of Ward as an animal painter, and, on the whole, he has greater variety than the earlier artist.

The art of Lawrence and Orpen has much in common. Their portraits are always superficially brilliant rather than penetrating studies of life. But I think that Lawrence in none of his portraits known to me makes us realise the potential qualities of an individual as Sir William Orpen does in the portrait of "Dame Madge Kendal" (15), which hangs in Room I. at Burlington House. It fulfils the conditions set down by Fielding with regard to what is termed representational portraiture. His words are: "It has been thought a vast commentation of a painter to say, his figures seem to breathe; but surely it is a much nobler and greater applause that they appear to think."

This is what Dame Madge Kendal's image seems to be doing. Here is the "Maitress Femme," keen eyed, supple minded, kind-hearted, and ready of speech. No Academy can be poor which contains a picture of such significance of thought and supreme craftsmanship. Sir William has never excelled this portrait. The painting of the rich costume is masterly, and the more sensitive tones of the fine face and the little bonnet are touched with a tenderness rare in the artist's *œuvre*. Sir William also contributes a striking portrait of "Gordon Selfridge, Esq." (144), which at first glance might be mistaken for Mr. Lloyd George, who, however, figures in Room V., as a feeble example of the same artist's work. Mr. Sickert is a law unto himself, and he expounds it with rare skill in defence of his portrayed of "Rear-Admiral Walter Lumsden" (652).

Royal Portraits and Others.

As for the other works at Burlington House the painters are supplied with a plea of justification in the motto from Wordsworth quoted on the title-page of the Academy Catalogue:

"Enough, if something from our hands have power
To live, and act and have the future hour."

Which is an expression of true humility.

It is curious how so many artists fail in the painting of "Royal Portraits." They appear to be intimidated by the august position of their sitters. Velazquez and Vandyck, Reynolds and Gainsborough, were never thus affected. It cannot be said that Sir Arthur S. Cope, Mr. Arthur T. Nowell, and Mr. Richard Jack respectively, succeed in representing "His Majesty the King" (127). "Her Majesty the Queen" (218), and "H.R.H. Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles" (158), as they are known to the man and woman in the street. The figures of the King and Queen are admirably set, and costumes and jewels painted with considerable skill, but the expression of the faces lacks the vitality and charm apparent in their public activities.

Portrait painters have, of course, a freedom denied to orator or scribe. The artist can say about his sitters in terms of paint what could not safely be uttered on a platform or published in the Press. This he may do wilfully or unconsciously without fear of the law of libel. He may have his portrait mutilated—a case of this kind happened some years ago—but seldom is any other method of retaliation adopted.

There is, perhaps, no evidence of over-emphasis at the Academy, if one excepts Mr. H. James Gunn's portrait of "Edwin Ward, Esq." (336), which is highly charged with good-humoured caricature. It is undoubtedly an excellent likeness of Mr. Ward, not as the painter we know him to be, but in the role of a "Lion comique" of the Eighteen Eighties about to break into the rollicking chorus of a topical song. Would there were more joy-provoking pictures at Burlington House, which never was so full of yawn-exciting symbols of wealth and respectability.

Mr. Walter W. Russell is not quite at his best. The "Mrs. William Murray" (12) is finely painted, but the resemblance is not sympathetic. She has naturally a happier expression.

"Prunella" (31) is better in this respect; it has an Eighteenth Century air, and Mr. Glyn Philpot also gives an old-world glamour to his nieces in keeping with their names, "Gabrielle and Rosemary" (46). Not for a long time has Sir John Lavery been so good as he is in the refined portraits of "Miss Mercy Webbe" (18) and "The Countess of Carlisle" (189). Mr. R. Grenville Eves in his portrait of "Thomas Hardy, O.M." (55). feelingly conveys the suggestion of dead delight which haunted the novelist's face for many years, just as Mr. Maurice Greiffenhagen skilfully indicates masculine vigour of mind and body in the "R. W. Maudslay, Esq." (58), and the jaunty humour of Mr. L. Raven Hill of "Punch" (405).

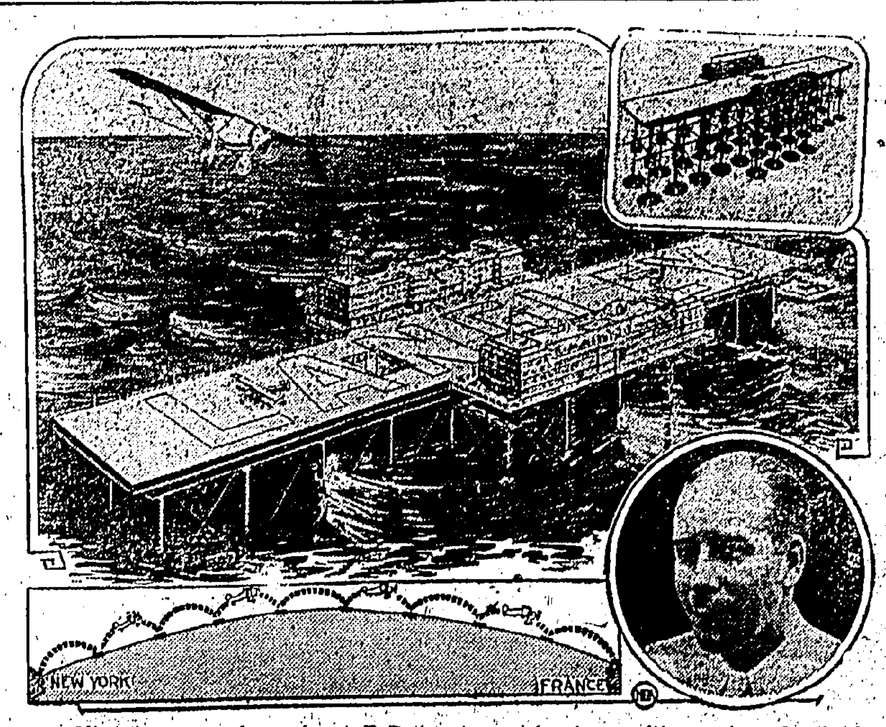
Mr. Colin Gill's wife must surely have been replaced by a lay figure when he produced what the catalogue calls "The Artist's Wife in a Pink Dress" (71). There is no illusion of flesh and blood within its ample folds, and the vast couch accentuates the emptiness.

Sir Frank Dicksee has two attractive portraits, both elaborately "finished," representing "Mrs. William Harrison" (105) and "Mrs. Frank S. Pershouse" (152); and Sir Arthur Cope contributes sound portraits of "Andrew Williamson, Esq." (272) and "Sir P. Colville Smith, C.V.O." (306).

Good portraits of women come from Mr. George Harcourt—"The Lady Armstrong" (123), Mr. Melton Fisher—"Lady Lacey" (131), Mr. Philip Connard—"Mrs. Elsie Benge" (173), Mr. Richard Jack—"The Lady Greenway" (248), "Pauline, daughter of William Sparks, Esq." (384), by Mr. Albert Collins, "Lady Doreen Knatchbull" (390), "Isabella" (430), by Mr. Alan Beeton, "Miss Edythe Baker" (606), by Miss Doris Zinkeisen, "Mrs. Martin Turner" (616), by Mr. F. Cadogan Cowper, "Miss Elissa Landi" (625), by Mr. Howard Somerville, "Miss Cynthia Smith" (649), by Miss G. Mary Savill, "Miss Sylvia Thomas" (666), by Miss Ethel Walker, "Mrs. C. E. Gunther" (3), by Mr. G. Spencer Watson, "H. R. H. Princess Helena Victoria" (51), by Mr. Harrington Mann, and "Mrs. J. C. C. Pigott" (89), by Mr. Louis Ginnett.

Mystic Paintings by Mr. Sims.

More will be made of the so-called mystic pictures by Charles Sims because of his unfortunate end. They are hung in the last room. No. XI., among a batch of vivid pictures. Their meaning, or their relation to the titles, one cannot explain. What is perfectly apparent is the remarkable beauty of form and colour of the female figures writing amid chaotic masses of lurid pigment in strong contrast with the static repose of Mrs. Laura Knight's fleshy "Daughters of the Sea" (674). The fragmentary visions of Mr. Sims have no other pictorial value, whatever may be their significance to those spiritually inclined.



Climaxing years of experiment, E. R. Armstrong (above), consulting engineer for the du Pont Company, has announced that construction of the first of a string of eight floating airdromes across the Atlantic will begin soon. He says the plan would offer 36-hour service to Europe. Spaced 400 miles apart, the airdromes would have a landing surface of 800 by 1,200 feet, hotels, supply houses and radio station. To dodge the waves, they would tower 100 feet above the surface on skeleton steel framework. They would be supported by buoyant tanks placed at a sufficient depth to insure still water. Above is the Langley, the first airdrome planned, and (inset) the type of its foundation.

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Five Years in the Wood.

The wine is made by a trained Chinese staff under the supervision of an Austrian expert. The grapes are first sorted and washed, and then pressed in a machine and the juice collected in a wooden tank for fermentation, after which it is pumped into another wooden tank in the cellar for storage for at least five years before being bottled for sale. Some of the wine in the company's cellars is over 20 years old and is recommended by physicians as a tonic for invalids. The company's product has won the Gold Medal at the Panama Exhibition, and has medals and certificates from different Chinese Government organs.

The company makes 13 brands of grape wine and two brands of brandy. The former is sold at $10-$16 per case of 12 large or 24 small bottles. The brandy is sold at $16 a case of the Gold Star Brand and $21 a case of the Kao Yu Brand. The bottles are made by the comany's own glass blowery. In former years the annual sales amounted to $300,000-$400,000 but last year it declined to some extent because of unsettled conditions. The Li Chuan Beer Brewery Co. is another modern style manufacturing plant, at Laohuyen, Chefoo suburb, started in 1921. The company obtains water from a special spring.

The number of workmen employed varies from 30 or 40 in winter to 50 or 60 in summer and autumn, in addition to a staff of 30 or so in the business department, the former working under an Austrian expert. The workmen are paid a monthly wage of $6-$16 each with free meals of wheaten bread and noodle. In consideration of the low local wage rate, the workmen are well paid.

Old Style Distilleries.

The annual output of the company in the past few years has been about 30,000 cases of beer, 10,000 cases of aerated water and about 1,000 tons of artificial ice, all sold under the Three Star Brand. The bulk of the beer and aerated water is exported to Changchun, Harbin, Shanghai and other ports through the local agents, who deduct a five per cent. commission. The barley for brewing is grown in neighbouring districts and costs about $10 a picul. The company is doing well and has recently enlarged its premises. Bottles have hitherto been obtained from the Chang Yu glass blowery, but the Company is contemplating the setting up of a blowery of its own.

The old style distilleries turn out *samshu* from *kaoliang* grain, by which the liquor has acquired the name of *kaoliang*. Compared with the *samshu* of Hsuchow and other Northern Kiangsu districts, the Chefoo product is weak in taste. There are about ten distilleries in the port, the largest being the Hung Li and the Tung Lai which also turn out other kinds of liquor.—*Chinese Economic Bulletin.*

TEN BLACKMAILERS.

TRAPPED BY POLICE IN TEA-HOUSE.

Ten alleged blackmailers were arrested at the Chinese tea-house, Waichow, on the Praya East, in the vicinity of the Bowrington Canal, on Tuesday night as a result of a police trap.

A Chinese report states that recently a Chinese merchant in Wanchai received several threatening letters from a gang of ruffians demanding money in sums ranging from 30 to 40 dollars at a time.

The merchant complied with these demands for some time, but a few days ago the gang again wrote him demanding $1,000.

The merchant reported the matter to the Police and a trap was set. A number of police went to the house shortly before 7.30 and lay in wait. And a few minutes later they arrested ten persons who sat down at the tables mentioned in the letter.

MAIL EXTENSION.

AN ADDITIONAL HOUR IN THE EVENING.

At the annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce last month, Mr. P. W. Massey suggested that it would be a convenience to firms and private individuals if mails for a steamer leaving Hongkong at daybreak could be kept open later than 5 p.m. on the day before, the present closing hour. In conveying this proposal to the Government the Chamber suggested that an extension until 7 p.m. might be possible.

The Colonial Secretary replied on May 16 as follows:

"The Postmaster General points out that, if the full facilities asked for were provided, it would involve retaining a large proportion of his staff, (both shore staff and floating staff), on duty until 8 or 9 o'clock at night almost daily as it is an almost daily occurrence for some steamer to clear in the early morning with mails.

"He does not think this could be justified by the actual traffic in many cases and suggests that, in any case, it would suffice to allow up to 6 p.m. to close the mails.

"He proposes accordingly to arrange for an extension of time up to 6 p.m. in the case of the more important mails for Shanghai and London and to observe to what extent the public make use of the increased facilities."

"This extension could not be made to apply to registered letters or to parcels, in respect of which the time for closing would remain as at present; that is to say, in the case of a mail now advertised to close at 5 p.m. and henceforward to be closed at 6 p.m. the time for registered letters or parcels would continue to be 4.45 p.m."

The Chamber, writing on June 2, thanked the Government for the additional postal facilities promised, agreeing that a concession of one hour would be adequate to test public demand for later closing hours at the Post Office.

The new arrangement comes into operation forthwith.

CHINESE IN PARKS.

JESSFIELD AND HONGKEW LITTLE PATRONIZED.

From 11 o'clock yesterday morning an old bone of contention between foreign and Chinese relations was removed by the admission of Chinese into parks of the Settlement, says the *N. C. D. News* of June 2. The admission charge for all comers of 10 coppers was then put into effect.

A visit paid to the Bund Gardens, Jessfield and Hongkew Parks early was sufficient to prove that the idea was not catching on very rapidly in the latter parks, but that the Bund Gardens, a more centrally situated visiting place, were being used extensively by Chinese visitors.

At the entrance to all the parks Municipal Regulations, framed and encased in glass, were posted, giving the hours when the parks would be open and stipulating the kind of conduct which would and would not be allowed. A ticket booth, likewise, was a new feature at the entrance where a guard sat to dispense tickets for the payment of 10 coppers, to make change in case the exact amount of coppers was not in one's possession, and to give a limited amount of information in English, chiefly to the effect that to-day everybody who paid 10 coppers could enter the park. Beyond the entrance gateway at the Bund Gardens two Chinese police constables were posted, and elsewhere Chinese guards in blue uniforms. All tickets sold were plainly marked with the name of the park for which they were intended, and while one ticket was being purchased the information was volunteered that a season ticket would be "more cheap."

Inside the Bund Gardens at about half past two an interesting group of loiterers was in evidence. Young Chinese of apparently the student class were in a large majority and a number of philosophical-seeming old gentleman sat quietly on the benches watching the Whangpoo. Nearly all the benches were taken during the early afternoon, by Chinese visitors, only a very few foreigners, including a few foreign children with their amahs, being about.

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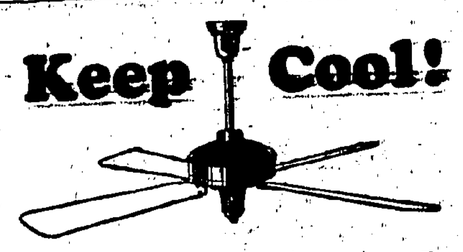

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Romance and Mystery.

Zora, the Invisible

By J. R. WILMOT.

(Author of "The Moorcroft Manor Mystery.")

MONTGOMERY- GAYNOR, a wealthy diamond merchant, is found dead in his office under mysterious circumstances. The Home Office experts believe that death is due to natural causes, but DR. PETER BLAYNE, a young medical criminologist called in by INSPECTOR WEBSTER, of Scotland Yard, believes, in consequence of a blood test he has made and also an analysis of some peculiar hard ash he has found in the fire grate, that Gaynor was murdered by some mysterious poison not known to science. SONIA GAYNOR, the dead man's daughter, with whom Blayne is secretly in love after seeing her at the inquest, makes him feel suspicious that she is shielding someone—possibly the mysterious young man who is known to have visited Gaynor on the afternoon of his death. While in Oaktree, Blayne, on walking past a house known as "Red Gables," finds himself shot at by a dart from a blowpipe from someone under the trees in the grounds. On his way home by train a young woman alights at the next station and when she has gone Blayne finds a note on the seat telling him that warnings are not intended to be ignored and signed Zora. He immediately jumps up and pulls the communication cord.

(Now read on.)

CHAPTER XI.

Blayne Decides to Stay.

As soon as the train had slowed down after Blayne had pulled the communication cord, he swung open the door of the compartment preparatory to dropping down on to the permanent way.

Glancing along he saw the driver dismounting from the cab of the engine, while from the other end, the guard was already running towards him.

Blayne made up his mind quickly and dashed along in the direction of Chessington station.

"Here's my card," said Blayne, almost breathlessly to the astonished official. "I pulled the cord, and if you want to know why get the company to communicate with Scotland Yard. Everything will be all right," and before the guard could utter a word, the young man was sprinting along towards the platform which he could see quite clearly a matter of six hundred yards distant.

Reaching the booking hall he found a clerk standing beside the door leading to the booking office.

"A lady passed through here a few minutes ago," said Blayne. "A young lady wearing a scarlet hat and a black silk coat. Which way did she go? She must have handed out her ticket, and I should say she was about the only passenger."

"That's right," agreed the clerk. "I remember her. A regular stunner, wasn't she? Watched her right out of the station. There was a car waiting for her."

A sense of acute disappointment assailed Blayne. Of course, he had known it would not be easy, but somehow he had never counted on her having things arranged so well as this, even if she had allowed for her stopping the train and coming back.

"Which way did the car go?" asked Blayne. "Towards Oaktree?"

The clerk nodded.

"Yes. Jolly fine car it was, too. Looked like a high-powered Rolls."

"Thanks," murmured Blayne as he strolled out of the station.

He had made a fool of himself this time, but fortunately the elegantly dressed young woman would probably be unaware of it, unless . . . . Blayne had really no idea to what extent the ramifications of the organisations he was up against extended.

It would be useless, he told himself, to go back to Oaktree. There was probably not a car in Chessington capable of catching the fugitive. What a pity it was, too, that he was not in possession of the car's number.

Outside, however, he came up with a taxi-driver just about to start up his engine, and Blayne decided to ask him if he had noticed the car.

The taxi-driver had, but unfortunately he had not noticed the number, although the registration letter of London he remembered quite well.

"I suppose you didn't notice anything peculiar about the driver?" Blayne persisted.

"That I did, sir," the man answered. "Foreign-looking he was, sir. Not exactly black, but as near it as makes no matter."

"Thanks," said Blayne, slipping him a coin. "If you should notice that car again, perhaps you wouldn't mind leaving the number with the sergeant of police at Oaktree. He'll understand, and it may be to your advantage, also."

"Certainly, sir! I'll keep a sharp look-out, though I can't say as I remember seeing it afore."

Blayne, with all thoughts of trains out of his head, set off for the post-office at Chessington and got into touch with Webster at Scotland Yard. Briefly he related what had occurred, and suggested that someone should be sent down immediately to investigate the mystery house at Oaktree.

"I'll hop down myself," came Webster's voice over the wire, "though I don't quite see what we can do. Can you fix up somewhere where I can meet you?"

"I've a mind to stay overnight at 'The Golden Goose,'" said Blayne. "What time shall I expect you?"

"I'm coming down straight away in the car," responded the detective. "We'll probably do it in less than an hour."

Blayne knew how those demon drivers of Scotland Yard could put the miles behind them when occasion demanded. There were no speed limits when a man like Inspector Webster was in a hurry, and Blayne could tell by his tone that what he had told him had aroused his interest.

So it was with a feeling of considerable satisfaction that Blayne went along to "The Golden Goose" and booked a room. Then he wandered into the bar and remembered that he had had nothing to eat since an early lunch before he left London.

The landlord was a genial soul, and when Blayne made known his wants, ushered him into a tiny sitting-room at the back of the house and promised that tea would be forthcoming in a few minutes.

Left to himself, Blayne once again marshalled his facts.

Leaving out of account his interview with Sonia Gaynor, the main case centred for the moment around the mystery house among the trees. That was the beginning. Then there was the Oaktree sergeant's information that the house was tenanted by a woman and her daughter, and that "niggers" had been seen wandering around the grounds. What the connexion was between these two statements he could not conjecture. Then there was the mysterious woman in the railway carriage and the note she had obviously left behind. From there he came to the episode of her neat escape at Chessington station in the Rolls car, driven by a man of foreign appearance.

Those were the facts up-to-date. So far as he could see there was absolutely no link between them and Sonia Gaynor who, earlier in the afternoon, had given him the impression that she was shielding someone and that she knew more about her father's death than she cared to tell. If that were so, if there were two lines of theory running with each other in this case, then there must be some point at which they must meet—even though that point was a purely mythical one in mental perspective.

Then there was Zora. Here Blayne had to admit that he was frankly puzzled. Obviously Zora was the outstanding figure in the drama. It was Zora who had committed the crime—for crime he was convinced it was—Zora again who had repeatedly issued these peculiar and somewhat daring warnings; Zora probably, who had blown that evil little dart at him from among the trees just to show him how utterly at her mercy the medical detective really was. Yet why, with the opportunities this nebulous individual had already had, he did not render Blayne impotent once and for all, was something that escaped comprehension.

The landlord of "The Golden Goose" arrived with Blayne's meal, and the introspective meanderings were temporarily interrupted.

Blayne had finished his excellent tea and was sitting by the fire when he remembered he had not told his man Hooker about his change of plans. Finding the telephone, he put through a trunk call to London, and soon heard Hooker's low, almost dreamy voice answering at the other end.

Briefly Blayne told him that certain circumstances had arisen which necessitated his staying out of London until the morrow, but that if any special messages came for him from any of the hospitals, would he please ring up Chessington 347.

Hooker reported that nothing of importance had transpired since the morning, and respectfully hoped that Blayne would find everything to his liking.

"And, Hooker," added Blayne, "you may as well go off duty about eight. I don't think anyone will be wanting me after that."

"Very good, sir," answered Hooker.

Blayne hung up the receiver and strolled to the front door of "The Golden Goose."

It was a delightful late April evening after the unusually warm day. The fading sun was bronzing the thatched roofs of the cottages and throwing dense purple shadows among the squat chimneys and the delightfully irregular gables. A few children were playing about the cobblestones that formed the footwalk in front of the cottages. Blayne glanced at his watch. It was half-past six. Webster ought to be here any minute now.

He was just about to turn back again into the inn when the sound of a motor-car engine caused him to pause. Quickly he glanced along the road in the twilight and the next moment a powerful car flashed past him travelling in the direction of London. Its speed amazed him, but it was not its speed so much as the fact that it was a Rolls and that the curtains across the windows of the saloon were closed.

Blayne whistled softly. He felt that that was none other than the car that had carried away the mysterious young woman from Chessington station. If it came back that way, however, he would make quite sure.

Webster arrived punctually at seven o'clock bringing three picked men with him as well as the driver.

He greeted Blayne cheerily in the bar and the younger man, after a few words with the landlord, indicated the room where he had lately had tea.

"Frankly, I don't like the sound of it," mused Webster. "It's darned funny that no one knows the woman's name and she's been there three months. I wonder what the game is with those niggers you mentioned? I suppose it's struck you, Peter, that it's mighty queer that this should have happened less than a mile from where Gaynor lived. That's what made me come down here to-night. The only difficulty is that we can't go barging up to the house and demand to know anything unless we've got some definite excuse. Even if we trumped up something it might seem suspicious and we certainly can't go on the pretext that an attempt was made against your life by someone inside the grounds. That would give the whole bag of tricks away. If there is anything there at all, a nod's as good as a wink to a blind horse."

"I've been thinking the same myself ever since you mentioned that you wanted to have a look at the house," said Blayne, "and I was wondering whether it might not be advisable to go to the house and inform whoever you find there that it has come to the knowledge of Scotland Yard that Mr. Gaynor was friendly with a great many people in the neighbourhood and that you simply want to know if they can render any assistance which will give some tangible clue to the unravelling of the mystery of his death. In short, treat them confidentially as friends. If they've nothing to hide they'll be quite frank about it."

"Good man," complimented Webster. "Of course, you'll come along, too. I shall want to know whether the young lady of the house is your friend of this afternoon."

"If you insist," smiled Blayne, "but as a stroke of diplomacy I don't appreciate it."

"Rot!" retorted Webster. "They probably know you well enough by this time and the fact that you are with us will certainly do much to allay any suspicions they may already have."

"Right!" Blayne responded. "I'll come!"

(To be Continued.)

CHARABANC SPEEDS.

HOME SECRETARY'S HINT OF POLICE TRAPS.

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, in the House of Commons dropped a hint that heavy charabancs which career at high speeds along country roads may run into police traps.

A series of instances were submitted to him in which long journeys were advertised to be completed within a space of time, which compelled the drivers to indulge in excessive speeds at some part of the route. The Home Secretary confessed that he had no power to control the programme of journeys which might be so advertised.

The responsibility for enforcing the law as to the speed of motor vehicles rested in each case with the police. They were aware of the advertised speed.

Then the Home Secretary dropped his hint. "If they succeed in obtaining any evidence that the speed at any part of the journey is grossly exceeded, I have no doubt they will take the necessary steps."

"Will you consider the advisability of setting police traps?" asked one member.

"That is only putting in a little more curt form what I was endeavouring to explain," replied Sir W. Joynson-Hicks.

COURT TEST OF WOMAN IN A TRANCE.

SELF-HYPNOTISED MEDIUM.

Unprecedented in judicial history is an experiment in court, carried out at the trial, at Insterburg, in East Prussia, of a woman charged with "fraudulently practising as a medium."

In the presence of experts on hypnotism, telepathy and occult sciences, this elderly white-haired wife of the head of an agricultural school was tested as to the gift with which she claims to be endowed.

By auto-suggestion she passed into a trance, and was then asked to detail an unsolved crime mystery—a robbery in a lonely castle—of which she had no previous knowledge.

It was a burglary committed last February at a School on a remote Prussian estate that the trance-woman was asked to describe while "self-hypnotised" in court.

Strict precautions had been taken to verify that the "clairvoyant" woman had no prior knowledge of the castle crime.

Dramatic Dialogue.

Subsequent examination of the evidence disclosed that, though there were minor errors in the account given by the woman whilst in the trance, it corresponded with the facts.

Experiments began with the woman sitting on a chair in the centre of the court and holding a match-stick in her hand.

After about three minutes her head sank backwards, and she passed into a condition which doctors in court described as "undoubtedly one of a self-suggested hypnotic trance."

Then there came to her side a forester (the only person in court familiar with the crime in question), and a well-known Viennese specialist, Dr. Thoma, who has been summoned from Austria to assist the Court.

She was told that a theft had been committed; and then the crime was described in a dramatic dialogue between the forester and the medium (as the woman had now become). It ran as follows—

Forester: When did this happen?

Medium: Last February.

Forester: Where was it?

Medium: In a big building.

Forester: What do you see?

Medium: Silver objects gleaming.

Forester: Where are you now?

Medium: You are taking me into a large room. There are big carven chairs.

Forester: How old is the owner of the castle?

Medium: Nearly 70.

Forester: No, older?

Medium: Yes. Nearly 80. But he is very elastic in his movements, and I see him riding.

Forester: What else was stolen?

Medium: Material of some kind. I cannot see it clearly. Where are you taking me?

Forester: What does this material look like?

Medium: I see now; it is fur.

Forester: What else did the thief do?

Medium: He sat in the room, ate some meat and drank something.

Forester: Do you see any other object that he held?

Medium: Yes. It is lying on the window-sill. It is a pistol.

Test for Unknown Names.

Dr. Thoma then took up the examination and asked the woman if she could name the thief.

She hesitated a few seconds, murmured something indistinctly; and was then given a pencil and piece of paper and asked if she could write the name.

This she did—that is to say, she wrote a name.

There followed a similar test as to the name of the owner of the castle, and the medium answered that there were two syllables in the name, and she appeared to be trying to say them but without success.

Again she was given pencil and paper, and, with her eyes closed, she wrote "Von Reibnitz."

She was then awakened from the trance, and, once more in a normal condition, smiled at the Court, rose from the chair, and went back to her place in the dock.

As compared with the woman's "reconstruction," the circumstances of the theft, so far as they are known, show an amazing correspondence.

The owner of the castle is Herr von Reibnitz. He is 89 years of age. He rides daily.

The articles stolen were a fur coat and 12 silver coins. The thief had eaten the remains of a sausage and drank wine. He left a revolver behind.

Enormous interest and a lively discussion have followed this strange experiment in a court of law, but commentators are shy of jumping to any conclusions.

It is pointed out that the crucial test is the identity of the thief.

He has not been traced, and even if the name written by the medium is the correct one, he is hardly likely to come forward and testify to her powers as a clairvoyant!

Telepathy is advanced as one explanation of the success of the experiment.

Frau Guenther-Gessers, the accused woman, has already been tried on the same charges in the lower court, which dismissed the case.

The trial is taking place on the appeal of the Public Prosecutor of the province.

She disavows any occult gifts, claiming only intense powers of visualising places and persons.

Her clients have actually included official detectives who have gone to her for help in their investigations; and none of the witness so far subpœnaed by the prosecution has complained of feeling defrauded or deceived.

One interesting point jurists make is that people she names as thieves are in danger of achieving that reputation even though they be innocent.

It is also revealed that arrests have actually been made on different occasions on the strength of statements the medium has made whilst in a state of trance.

ESTABLISHED FACTS.

The Mind not Fixed by Laws of Time and Space.

Facts such as are reported above astound the layman, but in a less dramatic form are common knowledge to those practising hypnotism and suggestion," says a Medical Correspondent.

Hypnotism came into discredit when the wave of materialism was at its height in medicine and the discovery of chloroform as an anæsthetic gave the doctors the chance to eschew "spiritistic influence" and rely on the quantitative methods of chemistry.

Now the balance has turned, and there is no great London hospital that does not have on its staff a man who has knowledge of hypnotic methods.

Two cases similar to the one recorded have recently come within my personal knowledge.

The first was a trival crime—a theft of whisky. A medium far away from the place described the thief, the circumstances and time of the theft, and the motives for it, when no one present knew any more than that the whisky had been stolen.

The second case was of a man suffering from persistent headache and other troubles that would not yield to treatment.

He was examined by a doctor practising hypnosis through a medium. It was found that he was convinced that he had been deserted and robbed by someone he had trusted as a friend.

The story of robbery was true, though there were grounds of justification, but the medium was able to add that the friend was in a specified town, anxious to restore the money.

Investigation showed that he was in that town: the money was returned, and the patient recovered.

The reasons given by the practising hypnotist for such phnomena are (1) that some are fraudulent; but (2) that still unknown factor, the mind, must be in some way independent both of space and time adequately to explain the proven facts.

HELPING HAND FOR INDUSTRIES.

ALLOWANCES FOR NEW MACHINERY DEMANDED.

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce, at their annual meeting asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer to include in the Finance Bill for this year allowances to industries to equip themselves with new and efficient machinery.

A resolution was carried urging on the Government "the importance, in view of the present period of trade depression, of carrying into effect the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Income Tax, that adequate allowances should be granted for depreciation of wasting assets used for trade purposes, and for obsolescence of all parts of machinery, whether replaced or not."

Mr. H. D. Leather (Leeds), who moved the resolution, said it would not cost more than £1,000,000 a year to adopt the recommendation.

Mr. John Emsley (Bradford), in seconding, declared that there was now no incentive to people to lay down capital. If allowances were made for new machinery, great strides would be made in the installation of up-to-date and efficient plants. The benefit would extend to machinery manufacturers, and the iron and coal industry.

A ship's greaser, named Robert Loftus, has been prohibited by a King's Bench Divisional Court from bringing any further actions or litigation without the consent of the High Court or a Judge. The application to prohibit Loftus was made by the Attorney-General (Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C., M.P.) Lord Hewart said that Loftus continually brought actions, which were dismissed with costs, which he never paid, nor did he obey any orders with regard to them. He seemed to be a person of a litigious nature who should be restrained, and an order so restraining him would be made.

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MR. HERBERT MARSHALL AND MISS EDNA BEST.

Decrees nisi against Mr. Herbert Marshall, the actor, and Miss Edna Best, the actress, were granted by Mr. Justice Hill in the Divorce Court recently.

The first petition was that of Mrs. Hilda Lloyd Marshall, of Courtfield-gardens, an actress. She asked for a decree nisi on the ground of the misconduct at Eastbourne of her husband, Mr. Herbert Brough Falcon Marshall, with Mrs. Edna Beard, the actress known as Miss Edna Best.

Mr. Justice Hill, having granted Mrs. Marshall a decree nisi with costs, the petition was heard of Mr. William Seymour Beard for a decree nisi on the ground of the adultery of his wife, Miss Best, with Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Justice Hill granted Mr. Beard a decree nisi with costs and the custody of the two children of the marriage, twins. Both suits were undefended.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall took place at Kensington Register Office on August 14, 1915, and that of Mr. and Mrs. Beard at Hove on December 22, 1920.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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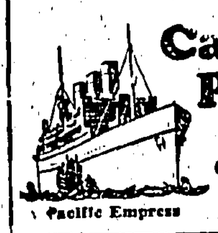

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CHINESE VIEWS.

REJOICING OVER NATIONALIST VICTORIES.

All the Chinese newspapers in Hongkong are high in their praise of the recent victories of the Nationalist armies and of the imminent occupation of Peking and Tientsin. None lament the retirement of the Fengtien armies into Manchuria and the subsequent bombing of the train of Chang Tso-lin. They rejoice in the Nationalist occupaton of Chihli, saying that this will, to some extent, sooth the sorrows of the Chinese following the Sino-Japanese clashes in Tsinanfu, which resulted in the death of over one thousand Nationalist troops. Some express the hope that before long the Nationalist future Government will be able to solve the Sino-Japanese complications and the outstanding problems between China and other powers.

"For many years," the *Wah Kiu Yat Po* remarks, "the Nationalists have struggled and fought for the downfall of militarism in North China, and now they have reached their goal. It is to be hoped that henceforth the Nationalists will unite, and party splits and civil strife will become things of the past.

"The death of Chang Tso-lin lacks confirmation, but even if the news of his tragic ending is true, this will serve as an example to autocratic militarists of the future.

"After the Nationalist entry into Peking, it is expected that all the powers will recognise the full sovereign rule of the Nationalist Government, and finally solve the complicated relations between China and the foreign powers."

Nationalist's Opportunity.

Nam Chung Po emphasizes the folly and evil of the civil strife in China, adding, "The retirement of the Fengtien armies should serve as a lesson to all militarists of China. After the capture of Peking, the Nationalists should abandon all military activity which would lead to a continuation of civil war."

Recognizing the great opportunity now before the Nationalists, the *Kung Sheung Po* urges that after the taking of Peking and Tientsin, the Nationalists should call a national conference and should forsake the "party complex" of placing the Kuomintang before the welfare of the country.

This paper solemnly warns the Nationalists that one of their duties is to re-take Shantung from the Japanese.

The *Tai Kwong Po* trusts that the Nationalists will keep a sharp lookout for a recrudescence of Communist disturbances in North China during the present chaotic state of the provinces there. It urges another "purge the party" campaign to eliminate from the Kuomintang all who are suspected of being Communists.

"We cannot but rejoice at the peaceful way in which the Fengtien-ites undertook their general withdrawal," says the *Sun Chung Kwok Po*. The critical period has not yet passed and the Nationalists should adopt the most vigilant measures in view of a possible uprising of Communists in Peking."

AN AMAH'S DEATH.

MURDER BY SOMEONE UNKNOWN.

The enquiry was concluded yesterday into the circumstances surrounding the discovery of the dead body of a Chinese woman, in an advanced state of decomposition, in a locked room at the Japanese Primary School in Kennedy Road.

In the afternoon an elder sister of the dead woman was called. She said she knew her sister had worked at the Japanese School for seven or eight years and was a spinster.

She recognized the ear-ring produced in Court as one of a pair Ah Choi had worn, but was not certain whether she had two gold teeth in the upper or lower jaw.

She then said that last year, she heard from another sister that a man named Ko Tang had threatened to kill the deceased if his sister Ko Chang, who was then also working at the Japanese School, should lose her job. The inference was that Ah Choi who had got Ko Chang the job could just as well have influenced her dismissal.

A short time after this threat, Ko Chang was dismissed and was not seen since. As for Ko Chang's brother, Ko Tang, the man who uttered the threat, witness knew him to be making his living by preying on people in Sun Wui district. He had not been seen about the School since.

Police Evidence.

Acting Detective Inspector Lane said that on May 11, he went to the School and was shown a locked room. A bad smell was noticeable in the vicinity of this room, which was situated in the back premises, in the ground floor, and could be cut off from the rest of the ground floor by a door which was in a passage outside the room.

He found the door of the room itself, secured by a padlock and on the padlock was a faint smear as of blood, showing up darkly against the white paint. He unscrewed the padlock and the door immediately opened, the ordinary keylock in the door not being used.

This door could only be secured from the outside, it being found that the window of the room was also secured by bars from the inside and was also protected in the lower half with wire netting.

The inference was that some other person must have fastened the door as he or she left the room.

Inside the room witness found a dead body in a very advanced state of decomposition. In the photograph taken by the police of the interior, the bed was shown to the left with a chair overturned beside it. The head of the body was covered over with the bed quilt, in a way which precluded the possibility of the deceased having fallen out of the bed and dragged the quilt with her.

Found in the Room.

There were splashes of blood on the bed and almost every other article of furniture was smeared. The room was in disorder. One of the chairs was thrown across the body. There were two baskets on the bed the contents of which had been pulled out and scattered about. A small, red box, with cotton wool inside it, which might have contained jewellery, was left on the bed—empty. On examining those baskets and also a camphor wood chest, witness found that the clothing was stained with blood, as if by a rummaging hand.

Under the bed witness found tufts of hair. Two choppers in the room bore blood-stains and had hair adhering to them.

All these were handed over to the Government Bacteriologist, whose subsequent report confirmed witness's theories.

Witness produced a paper sheath tied with rattan strips, which fitted with the newer of the two choppers. He said he found this under the bed, and gave the opinion that the person who took in one chopper used the paper sheath to conceal the weapon.

Witness, on discovering the choppers had made every effort to follow up the clue. He was able from the trade marks on the blade, to locate the dealer at Cheung Chau. But there the clue stopped short. The man was a wholesale dealer, the chopper was of the cheap and common kind used in every Chinese house-hold, and they were sold to hawkers and dealers alike. The police had exerted every effort to locate the owner of the particular weapon found in the room of the dead woman, but so far without success.

Points for the Jury.

The Coroner at the conclusion of the evidence, indicated the three points on which questions would have to be answered by the jury. In the first place, they had to discover if the dead woman was Ah Choi, and his Worship thought that the evidence in regard to the jewellery and house keys found on the dead body had proved she was the missing woman.

The second point was whether she had died a natural death, or whether she had died from violence. There was sufficient evidence in the testimony of Dr. Cannon to prove a case of murder, as witness his discovery of a wound in the jaw, and of another part of her person being mutilated. Then there was Inspector Lane's statement in regard to the disordered state of the room.

Lastly, if the jury had found on those first two points that Ah Choi had been murdered, they were to return a verdict of wilful murder. There was not evidence to connect definitely any person, although they had heard of a threat allegedly uttered by Ko Tang, who was now supposed to be making a living as a robber in the country. Short of any definite evidence, the jury was to return a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.

The jury returned a verdict in the form suggested by his Worship.

In reply to the Coroner, Inspector Lane said investigations in the case were still continuing.

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A FAIR HEARING ASKED.

London, June 6.

"The Prayerbook our Hope and its Meaning" is the title of the message published on the eve of the Parliamentary discussion on the new prayer book, of the Archbishop of Canterbury "It is not so much the asking of approval for the new book as bespeaking a fair hearing for it." He acknowledges that if Parliament again rejects the measure the prospects of confusion and the spread of lawlessness will loom large and ugly, but he does not believe that the small minority of extremists will be able to thwart the wishes of the whole central body of church opinion.—*Reuter.*

"Legalising the Illegal."

London, May 14.

"I am convinced that the acceptance of the new Prayer Book by the House of Commons will be far more grievously regarded by quiet church people throughout the country than rejection would. You, perhaps, do not understand the deep vitality of the Protestant laity's feeling," said Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks, replying openly to a letter that the Bishop of London (Dr. A.E. Winnington-Ingram) privately circulated among members of the House of Commons, urging a reconsideration of their votes against the book.

Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks adds: "Your letter refers to the large majority with which the Church Assembly passed the book, but you do not state that the majority was 141 less than on a former occasion. You also do not mention that two more bishops have seceded, and are now opposed to the book. When your letter refers to the Royal Commission's report that it is impossible to produce order within the Church with antiquated rules, you do not refer to the commission's decision that any matters could be amendable without a revision of the rules.

"The fact that the bishops have made no effort to comply with the commission's wishes makes the mass of people regard with grave suspicions the attempt you are now making to legalise the illegal, because—forgive me saying it—you have not the courage to deal with the matter otherwise. Moreover, when you refer to reservation, it would be fairer to say that reservation at present is illegal. But the object of revision is to placate the section of the Church believing in transubstantiation. Although you may say that the elements are reserved only for the sick and the dying, you cannot tell me you do not think that nobody would worship before them. I wonder how you are going to enforce the restrictions of the Adoration when you admitted at your diocesan conference that you were sorry that the reservation was only for the sick.

"Apparent Discrepancies."

"Finally you say that nearly all the objections urged in the House of Commons against the book have been met. Yet you wrote a letter to the newspapers, stating that there was no alteration of principle between the amended and deposited books—these were only explanations. The Archbishop of York similarly declared that the few amendments really did not change the contents. I need not comment on these (to the lay mind) apparent discrepancies."

The despatch of letters and parcels by all the Air Mail routes which were suspended for the winter, have now been resumed.

BRILLIANT CHINESE WEDDING.

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and Mrs. W. J. Carrie, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Humphries, Mr. Paul Lauder, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. D. L. King, Mr. J. Arnold, Professor J. L. Shellshear, Mr. E. Cock, Mr. Horace Lo, Mr. W. M. Lo, Mr. J. H. Lewis, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Mr. W. Kay, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alves, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. N. da Silva, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Kam-fuk, Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Chon Po-sien, Miss Wu, O.B.E., Mr. Li Yau-tsun (chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce), Dr. H. Balcan, the Misses L. and M. Loureiro, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Leung, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Iu, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kwong, and Mr. Ip Lan-chuen (secretary to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce). The Consular bodies were also represented.

The Presents.

There was a very large and representative collection of gifts on view. Among the many presents received by the young couple were those from the parents of the bride and bridegroom and His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G. and Mrs. Southorn. Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung presented the bride with a pearl necklace; a pair of pearl bracelets, a pair of diamond earrings and a bangle studded with diamonds. From the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Hung the bridegroom received, as gifts of the auspicious occasion, a magnificent pair of cuff-links of ancient Jade. The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Southorn presented a very fine crystal flower stand with a network of gold worked in. Marshal Li Chai-sum and General Fung Chok-man, of Canton, jointly sent the couple a silver rose bowl. General Chan Ming-shu, of Canton, sent a silk scroll with felicitous inscriptions in gold lettering. The Canton Commissioner of Police, General Tang Tsai-chang's gift took the form of a silver loving cup. Generals Hsu Chu-ching and Ng Tit-sing, Mr. Wong Tong and the Hon. Dr. Chu Chao-hsin, (Foreign Affairs' Commissioner), presented a large silver incense burner. Mr. Liang Shih-yi also sent a silver incense burner. Sir James Stewart Lockhart, K.C.M.G., sent a silk scroll inscribed in gold, reading "An Upright Man, and a Loyal Friend." Sir James is an old friend of the bridegroom while he was in England.

In addition to the very large number of presents received, many scrolls in silk and gold were sent by various friends, and well wishers. Among them were the following:—General Chan Ming-shu, (Vice-Chairman of Canton Government); Mr. Tang Shui-yan, (The General's Private Sec.); The Directors of Tung Wah Hospital; Messrs. Chu Kan and Ng Jong (Principal disciples of the famous reformer Kang Yue-wei); Mr. Hung Shiu-ho (private secretary of the late President Li Yuan-hung); and Mr. Chan Mong-tsang (Tao-Tai of the Manchu Regime and one time Prefect of Canton); Mr. Chan Lim-pak, The compradore staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, The native banks, The Sincere Co., The Sun Co., The Wing On Co., The New Territories Agricultural Society, and many others.

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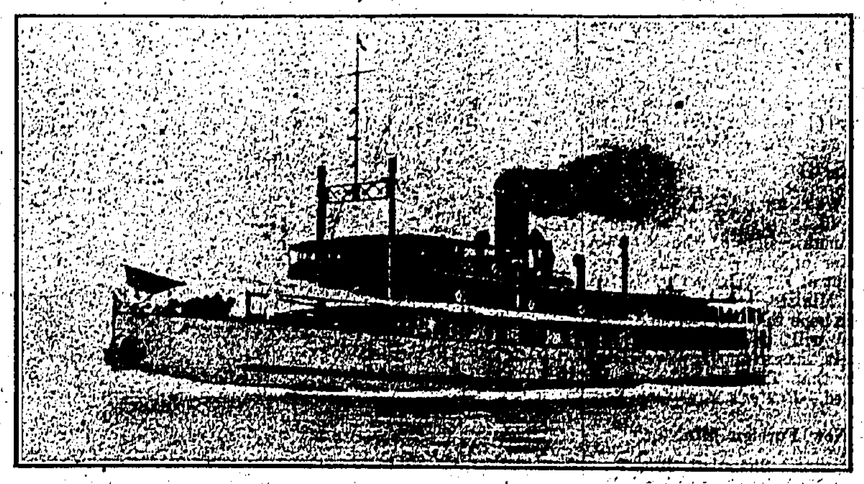

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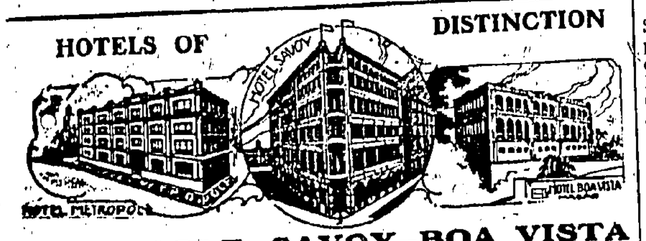

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SERIOUS WARNING TO LITHUANIA.

IRRECONCILABLE ATTITUDE OVER VILNA.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION.

Geneva, June 6.

The council of the League of Nations was to-day occupied with the dispute over Vilna between Poland and Lithuania, which would seem to be interminable.

The feature of the discussion was a serious warning to Lithuania by Sir Austen Chamberlain, who following much the lines of his statement to Pressmen yesterday, made it clear that while sympathy for small States was universal, it would not do to tax patience too severely.

He concluded by urging M. Valdemaras, the Lithuanian Premier, not to throw away the sympathy of the Council of the League.

Sir Austen Chamberlain afterwards moved a resolution practically ordering negotiations should be terminated by September, but M. Valdemaras voiced strong objections, and the resolution failed to secure the unanimity of the Members.

The same fate befell an amended resolution submitted by M. Valdemaras.

To bring the subject to a close, Sir Austen Chamberlain then proposed that the question be placed on the agenda for the September Meeting. This was adopted by the Council although M. Valdemaras dissented.—*Reuter.*

OPEN NATIONALIST QUARREL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

to-day, to assume the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Garrison Troops of Peking and Tientsin.

Railway communication between Peking and Tientsin is again severed and the Diplomatic Body has requested the Chinese leaders to arrange to run at least one train daily.

Fengtien Evacuation.

Shanghai, June 6.

All Chinese Government officials under the Fengtien regime have now evacuated Peking.

It is believed that the 12,000 Chinese police in Peking will be sufficient to preserve order in the city.

Japanese Offer Declined.

Shanghai, June 6.

The Japanese Minister in Peking has made a suggestion to the Peace Preservation Committee that during the transition period, Japanese troops should be employed for the preservation of peace and order in the city, but the proposal has not been agreed to by Mr. Wang Shih-chen.

Newspapers Suspended.

Shanghai, June 6.

Peking newspaper circles are much surprised by the suspension of publication by two of the leading Chinese newspapers, the *Peking Morning Post* and the *Eastern Times*. On the day before its suspension the former paper declared:—"Unfavourable circumstances have forced us to say not one-tenth of what we intend to say, but even then we fail to please all sides. In consequence, if we continue our publication, our journal will be devoid of interest."

Tientsin Looting Reported.

Shanghai, June 6.

Some 3,500 defeated Fengtien troops have arrived at Tientsin. Many of them changed into plain clothes and penetrated into a native city, where they are said to have indulged in some looting. Further details are no yet available.

On Tuesday morning a detachment of the defeated troops of General Chu Yu-pu, while retreating from districts near Machang, entered Liuchang, where some of the soldiers got out of control and began to loot.

Hankow, June 6.

It is reported that General Pei Chung-hsi left for the Northern front yesterday.—*Naval Wireless.*

Want U.S. Troops Removed.

Washington, D.C., June 6.

The State Department publishes a communication of the Foreign Minister of the Nationalist Government at Nanking to the United States Minister at Peking expressing the hope that the United States troops will be withdrawn from Tientsin, assuring the American people that Tientsin will not be molested.—*Reuter's American Service.*

New Foreign Minister.

Shanghai, June 6.

Feng Yu-hsiang's nominee, Dr. C. T. Wang, has been appointed Nationalist Foreign Minister.—*Reuter.*

Tsingtao, June 6.

Two thousand Japanese infantry and 600 artillerymen arrived yes-

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RACE FOR THE SOUTH POLE DENIED.

WILKINS AND BYRD WILL COOPERATE.

New York, June 6.

In view of suggestions of the likelihood of a race between Captain Wilkins and Commander Byrd to the South Pole, the President of the United States Geographical Society announced to-day that there will be no rivalry.

Both explorers will survey a different part of the Antarctic Zone, cooperating when necessary.

They will endeavour to explore unknown territory east of the Ice-barrier region, which is inaccessible except by air.—*Reuter's American Service.*

terday, making the total Japanese troops in Shantung 17,800, of whom 6,000 are at Tsinanfu.—*Reuter.*

Manchuria and Mongolia.

Tokyo, June 6.

Following a detailed report by the War Minister on the present situation in North China and Manchuria, the Cabinet agreed to take every possible measure for the protection of legitimate rights and interests in Manchuria and Mongolia and carefully watch developments.

The War Minister stated that Chang Tso-lin is in a serious condition but is still alive, adding that he does not anticipate disturbances in Manchuria though it is necessary to take every precaution against possible emergencies.

The Cabinet also decided to observe strict neutrality whoever took over the political administrative power in China as a whole and also Manchuria.—*Reuter.*

Is the Dictator Dead?

Tokyo, June 6.

Official despatches received at the Foreign Office refute the Press reports of Chang Tso-lin's death and aver that he is improving.

On the other hand one of Chang Tso-lin's sons who is studying in Tokyo left for Mukden last night, which, some quarters consider, indicates that he has been called to his father's death-bed. Others believe that Chang Tso-lin is already dead though his death is being kept a secret owing to fear of the effect on the situation in Manchuria if it becomes known.

With so many conflicting reports, it is impossible to discover the true facts, though official circles appear calm and do not anticipate serious developments unless unforeseen circumstances arise.—*Reuter.*

Urgent Call to Sons.

Tokyo, June 6.

Though official confirmation is still lacking, the latest reports reaching Japan indicate that Chang Tso-lin is dead. Messages from Mukden state that the Japanese advisers who yesterday flatly denied his death are now disinclined to give a flat denial. Moreover, tending to confirm this belief it is also stated that nobody entering Marshal Chang's room is allowed to leave. Additionally, urgent messages have been despatched to Marshal Chang's sons and other people.—*Reuter.*

THE RECENT COOL SPELL.

NO NEW RECORD FOR JUNE ESTABLISHED.

66.6 THE LOWEST.

Although comparatively low temperatures have been recorded in Hongkong during the past few days, no new low records have been established for the month.

Following almost incessant rain last week, the weather was cool at the week-end and on Tuesday a temperature of 72 was recorded at one part of the day. Although this is low for the present time of the year, it cannot compare with temperatures recorded during the cold spell two years ago.

On June 1, 1926, the temperature fell from 75 to 68.5 in the afternoon. But even this was was not a record, for Mr. T. F. Claxton, the Director of the Royal Observatory, informed a *Telegraph* reporter today that a temperature of 66.6 was recorded in June, 1926. Other low temperatures for the month were 68.9 in 1899 and 69.2 in 1888. It will be seen, therefore, that no new record has been established this year.

The cooler spell during the week-end was more noticeable on the higher levels, where the need for extra coverings was found at night. The weather to-day indicates that the cooler spell was of brief duration and that normal summer conditions are returning.

IRELAND DEFEATS WEST INDIES.

GREAT BATTING DISPLAY BY MCVEAGH.

Dublin, June 6.

The international cricket match between Ireland and the West Indies was concluded to-day, Ireland winning a great game by sixty runs. A fine effort in the second innings left the West Indies with the difficult proposition of scoring 350 runs in the fourth innings.

After a gallant effort they failed, the scores being:

Ireland: 173 and 320.
W. Indies: 142 and 291.

The feature of the game was the sterling batting of McVeagh for Ireland in their second innings. He defied the West Indies bowling to the end, being 102 not out when the last Irish wicket fell.—*Reuter.*

COTTON TRADE UNITS.

WORKING ON A SMALLER BASIS.

New Orleans, June 7.

The Board of Directors of the Cotton Exchange has approved, in principle, a proposal for a fifty-bale unit of trade instead of the present hundred-bale unit.—*Reuter's American Service.*

"ITALIA" MYSTERY UNSOLVED.

A new portrait of General Nobile, concerning whose whereabouts mystery still prevails. He started out on a flight to the North Pole aboard the airship "Italia" some days ago, and although wireless "S.O.S." messages have been picked up, he has not yet been traced. It is possible that the airship has landed somewhere in Franz Josef Land.

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